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Greetings from Delta Junction, Alaska.

“The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.” Nahum 1:7. “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27.

As many of you know, Nancy and I flew out of Alaska on Christmas evening to North Carolina. We had received a call informing us that Nancy’s dad was not doing well, and it seemed his organs were shutting down. It was a challenge, but we were able to find seats on available flights but had a layover in Seattle of over 10 hours. We flew out of Fairbanks to Anchorage and then on to Seattle. About fifteen minutes before we landed in Seattle, Nancy received a call on her phone, but because her phone was in airplane mode, she didn’t get the notification until after we got off the plane and were searching for a quiet spot to spend the next 10 hours until our next flight. She got a message to call the place where her dad was, and I made the call. The nurse informed me that Mr. Scroggs had passed away, shortly before we landed in Seattle. Praise the Lord for His wonderful grace and mercy that he was no longer suffering. He was now home with his Savior and wonderful wife as well. Even though we were not able to see him before his homegoing, we had a wonderful peace knowing that all was well and that we would see him again.

We appreciate all of you that have prayed for us and have helped with the expenses, as well as the many texts, emails and cards with words of encouragement. We are so grateful for the many friends and family that have been there for us during this time. But most all, we are so blessed for God’s wonderful grace, peace and comfort.

We got back to Alaska on Friday, January 31st at about 01:30 AM. When we left Raleigh, NC it was 60+ and when we landed in Fairbanks it was -30. Our vehicle refused to start so we called AAA. They came over about an hour later and attempted to jump it off several times, but it still would not start. I told them we would try the next day. Since we already had reservations at a nearby hotel, I called a taxi, and we got to the room around 04:30 am. After a few hours of sleep, we contacted a friend who helped us get our vehicle plugged in. On Saturday we went back to the airport and with their help we got it started.

All along the way during the entire trip from before we left Alaska until our return, God has been faithful to supply our every need. From our home church, McLeansville Baptist Church, helping with our travel expenses; Lake Brandt Baptist Church providing a nice place to stay as well as giving to help with expenses; a family member loaning us a vehicle to use; to the many family and friends that also gave to help with the expenses we had while in NC, God used you all to bless us during a very difficult time. God also used a friend to pick us up at RDU when we got to NC and due to illness of a friend at the last minute, worked out our way back to the RDU airport when a dear Pastor friend and his dear wife provide our transportation and a meal on the way. God has been so good, even though the trip was not the best reason for going to NC, God was and is so gracious and merciful all the time!

Thank you all again for your prayers and support. Please continue to keep us, the work here in Alaska and its people in your prayers.

Your Missionaries,

Ernie and Nancy Wyrick