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Greetings from Delta Junction, Alaska. Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:4-7.

I am sorry for the delay in getting an update out to you. We are thankful for all the prayers, support, phone calls and texts with words of encouragement. What a winter this has been! We have been in Alaska since October 1996 and have seen extreme cold below -60 for short periods of time but it would warm back up. But this winter it turned bitterly cold in early December and has remained that way until now with a short reprieve from late January into early February when the temperatures were around -15 to -25. This winter has taken a toll on us like never before. It has affected us mentally, physically, and even spiritually to a point. Due to the extreme cold and then a broken-down vehicle that took several weeks to get repaired, and then sickness, we were unable to meet for services for most of December and early January. But, praise the Lord, we got the Yukon fixed and I finally got to feeling better. We are thankful for His safety and for dear friends that helped us with getting groceries and taking us to doctor appointments while our vehicle was down.

We praise the Lord for all He has done and is doing. The new work is going well. We are thankful for the ones that God has brought our way and for their eagerness to learn God’s Word. We thank the Lord for the opportunity that He has given us to minister to these dear folks. Our desire is to see the work to grow even more as the Lord leads and in His timing. We appreciate your prayers for this new work and for the individuals that truly desire to grow and serve the Lord and to glorify Him in every aspect of their lives.

God has given us several opportunities to share the Gospel. After the Yukon was repaired and the temperatures were safe enough for travel, we were able to go to Fairbanks for some medical appointments. On our way we saw a man standing on the edge of the highway about 28 miles north of Delta holding a sign that said Fairbanks. Since it was -14, we picked him up. As we talked, I realized there was something familiar about him and that I had met him before but could not remember where or when. He spoke of God as well as many Old Testament characters and talked about the law. We discussed a lot of things. I shared Scripture and asked him questions for the next 75 miles. When I dropped him at a store, I asked if he needed a ride back home. We agreed to meet later in the day after we had finished our errands. Later, I remembered that I had met him during covid when his vehicle broke down. I also remembered that he was a Muslim. We picked him up later that day and I mentioned that we had met before, and he said that he was trying to remember where we had met. We gave him a tract and talked more on the way back to his cabin. He mentioned that his neighbor has been sharing the Gospel with him also. I am not sure if or when we will see each other again, but I pray that his eyes and heart will open to the truth and that he will be saved.

We praise the Lord for all your prayers and support. We do not take you for granted. We know these are difficult days for all of us, but remember that God is faithful and will bless. Continue to keep us in prayer. I am waiting on a call from a physician in Tacoma, Washington. My cardiologist has referred me to a specialist there since they believe I need further testing to determine why my chest pain and difficulty breathing are worsening despite their treatments. Please pray.

In His Service,

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