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Helping Others Put off Entanglements



Dear Pastor and Church,

May Prayer Letter

Answered prayers and changed plans.

May started with truck issues but God provided a local dealership that was able to get us back on the road. For the first time since last September, we didn't have any dash lights staring at us. However, as we started the drive from Chicago to Dodge City, Kansas, we were mindful that we had spent \$10,000 on repairs in that time frame. Our pastor encouraged us that with no dash lights on it was time to see if God would provide a more reliable truck for us to use. He and Bro. Garber went and looked at a new truck for us and sent us videos. I wasn't sure how all the pieces would fall together but within a few hours we were approved for the truck, so we stopped into OKC to trade out vehicles. Bro. Garber did a cleanup on the old truck, and it sold the day he listed it. Beth Haven has been such a blessing to us over the last year, not only praying for and encouraging us, but also financially helping as we have had needs. They have graciously stepped up to help us with the new truck also. It is good to have a supportive sending church that believes in God's direction for us.

We have been planning to fly to Saint Lucia to help a church set up a HOPE ministry on the island but with all the truck repairs and the high cost of fuel the last few months the funds were simply not there. We have had to cancel the trip for now. I want to thank the supporting churches that we have, without your support we would not have made it for the last few months due to how expensive travel has become. Though churches do what they can with diesel at nearly \$6/ gallon we use up a lot of funds. We are praying that God would provide more support so that we can continue to minister to mission works overseas as God opens the doors. We currently have about \$1,500 in support outside of what Beth Haven does for us. To do what we believe God would have us to we need to add another \$3,500 per month. Please pray with us that God would stir churches up to help with the ministry.

Our meetings this month have been amazing. We have seen two precious souls saved as a result of the ministry in May. God blessed as we did a revival at Bible Baptist Church in Dodge City, Kansas. A HOPE regional training at Tri-Town Baptist Church in Frederick, Colorado. A HOPE revival at Open Door Baptist Church in Fillmore, Utah. We were also blessed to preach at Mt. Logan Baptist Church in Logan, Utah and Berean Baptist Church in Ogden, Utah. Our travels in May took us from Liverpool, New York to Salt Lake City, Utah and we are now headed through New Mexico. What a whirlwind of travel. The new truck is doing an amazing job, and we are thankful that we don't have the worry of breaking down currently. Thankfully we have a warranty so even if things did break down, we are covered and that is a good feeling.

This last month also brought some sad news as Angela's mom was diagnosed with cancer. Tests are still ongoing as to the severity of things, but we covet your prayers for her and for the family as they navigate the challenge. Thank you for your prayers and support.

In His Service,
Rick Carter Jr.