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Dear Praying Friends and Supporting Churches,

A lot has happened over these last couple of months. The Lord has proven Himself faithful by working in hearts, giving grace to minister, and opening doors of ministry. I am so thankful to have a heavenly Father watching over us, protecting us, and providing needed grace. We never get too old to cry Abba, Father.

Salvation—The biggest blessing over these last two months is the salvation of one of our adult members, **Jacqueline Glynn**. Jacqueline joined about one and one-half years ago. She made a childhood profession and wanted to do right, including being in the right kind of church. We had concerns, but thought she needed time to grow. About two months ago, things opened up like never before. Jacqueline told me her life story and then admitted to having doubts about her salvation for many years. She took us up on the offer of starting a salvation Bible study (mainly in 1 John), and we began praying that the Lord would make it clear whether or not she was saved. Right away the Lord began to answer that prayer. Two weeks later on a Sunday night, she said, “I’m lost. Look at my lifestyle. How can I be saved?” That night she humbly and sweetly asked the Lord to save her and to take control of her life. What a difference salvation makes! The joy, the spiritual conversations, the changed patterns—all sustained fruit. Jacqueline has followed the Lord in baptism, and Cathy and I meet with her each week for Bible study. We are all thrilled with her new life in Christ.

Salvation Bible Study—I have mentioned in previous letters about a lady named **Tawnya**. She has come to church quite a few times the last several months, including Christmas Sunday. We have preached the gospel to her and extended the offer of a salvation Bible study. Just a few days ago, she agreed. So, next Tuesday, Cathy and I will have our first lesson with her. We praise the Lord for His working.

Christmas Sunday—We had small Christmas program this past Sunday. Our family sang and played several numbers, and the little ones sang “Away in a Manger.” We are currently preaching in Psalm 22, which is an appropriate passage for Christmas, even as many Christmas hymns tie together the birth and death of Christ.

Other Things—One of the key members in our group, **Jeanette Lang**, was parted from her husband in early November. Harry was saved and attended another Baptist church in the area. Grieving over the death of a loved one requires special grace, and the Lord has been faithful to Jeanette. Praise the Lord for the fellowship of the saints. Speaking of which, we were delighted to have the Warner family from Bethel join us for Thanksgiving. The day after Christmas, we drove to Washington to visit my parents for a few days. We thank the Lord for their faith in Christ.

God is good; and remember, *“that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.”* Thank you for your prayers and financial support. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Sincerely in Christ,

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