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Dear Supporting Churches and Praying Friends,

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." The blessings we experience are not because of us; they are because of the Lord. He is faithful to show mercy; He is faithful to show compassion. His faithfulness is great!

Evangelism—We met **Joseph** and **Nora** out evangelizing. Nora grew up in an independent Baptist church in Portland and professes salvation; Joseph grew up Catholic and claims to be saved. They agreed to a salvation Bible study to be clear on the gospel. Cathy and I have met three times with them, and things are going well. Tonight going door-to-door I had a great conversation with **Victor** and his wife **Lupé**. He is Catholic; she has a Calvary Chapel background, and is confused about eternal security. I was able to preach the gospel to them. Lupé was especially interested, and both agreed to follow-up, with a potential salvation Bible study. I went to the next house and had an excellent opportunity with **Bonny**, an elderly lady who is very concerned about her spiritual condition. She took notes as I explained passages of Scripture pertinent to her situation. She is interested in follow-up. One never knows who will be on the other side of the door. But the Lord does, and He sovereignly guides our paths. How much our Savior desires to save!

Discipleship—We praise the Lord for growth that we see with our people. Parenting is improving; relationships are improving; confidence in evangelizing is improving; knowing the right verses for the situation is improving. Folks are evangelizing and ministering to relatives; they are testifying to clients; they are witnessing to neighbors. The three young girls have started taking piano lessons with Victoria. Dylan has been working for 5+ months as a block/rock mason. These are great things. I thank the Lord for our people's desires and direction. The Lord is at work, and we have seen many good decisions in the last couple of months. Praise God!

I get excited when I think of Christ's masterful plan for ministry in the church—perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. This is discipleship. Spiritual growth takes time, but the Lord is faithful. He is at work, and He has a plan to use His people in ministry for His glory. He redeemed us, and He sanctifies us. What a God we serve! He never leaves His own. I was talking to one of our ladies a few weeks ago. She has gone through many difficult stretches in her life, and she said, "The Lord has never left me." How wonderful and comforting!

Thank you dearly for your prayers and your support. May the Lord bless you all as you serve Him. *"And let us not be not weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*

Sincerely,

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