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Hello, Praying Friends.

This letter finds us on the tail end of a whirlwind of activity. Our dear friend Pastor Mike Petrick lost his 34-yr old daughter Rebecca to a tragic car accident where she was killed by a drunk/high driver. She was on her way to a restaurant after church. She had played her violin and had taught a junior church class that morning. We felt the immediate need to pack a bag and head to northern Florida to be a help and comfort to our friends. Mike and I were both on the road for some years in evangelism and did several meetings together. We came to love their family. Now, oddly, we are both ministering in Florida. The interesting part is when you look at what happened in our Sunday afternoon service. Sunday school had ended and I was a few minutes from walking to the pulpit to begin preaching when my wife approached me and shared the tragic news. I was broken and asked our church to bow for prayer. Still unaware of how to proceed, we sang a song. During that song God impressed upon my heart to go to prayer for the family. It was then that I asked my pastoral assistant, Timothy, to cover the pulpit. I had just trained him concerning readiness and always having a sermon in his Bible. Thank God he applied this lesson. My original plan was to preach on prayer as I was beginning a new series. God had other plans and Brother Tim preached a clear, bold, pointed message on salvation from John 3. A young man who we hadn't seen in many months walked the aisle and trusted Christ! Had I preached on prayer it is not likely he would have been saved. It is amazing how God used a tragedy to change our message and messenger to save a soul! HALLELUJAH!

Late Sunday evening, we drove to Ormond Beach and were able to fill in the gap until family arrived. I spoke at their Wednesday evening service and my wife covered a women's class. We returned home on Thursday. Our family all flew in the following Wednesday as we traveled the five hours back up north to be in the "Celebration of Life Service" (funeral). I spoke and my family sang. God was glorified as the Gospel went forth to many hundreds in attendance and many more online. Please keep the Mike Petrick family in prayer as they deal with this huge loss.

We are currently preparing for a Saturday youth "Schools-Out Fun Fest." This is a youth activity with lots of fun and as always a Gospel message. Brother Tim & Ms. Jessica will be heading this up again. They do a good job with the kids. Please pray for a good attendance and for souls to be saved. We hope to baptize on that Sunday, as it is convenient to set the pool up whenever we have a tent set up.

We will also be hosting a Memorial Day picnic under the tent this year with fun activities and fellowship.

ONE BIG REQUEST: Please pray with us about purchasing a van for the ministry. When we arrived here five years ago we had a 2014 minivan that our family used. It immediately became a ministry vehicle for canvassing, banner ministry, and church pickups. In the past couple of years there is not a Sunday or mid-week service that the van has not brought people to the house of God. Well….it gave up the ghost. It is not worth what it would cost to replace the transmission (in excess of $5,000). We are now quickly seeking another workhorse for the ministry here. Please consider giving a one-time financial gift to help us secure a dependable van that will be used for God's glory. The fact is we just don't have the money to do this without the Lord's help.

Thank you for your love and partnership in the Gospel of Christ.

Pressing on,
Brother Ted and Family