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**November/December 2020 Prayer Letter**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

What a year! We have all experienced trials during this unique time in our history. Back in March as we returned from Deputation Orientation, we were all ready to begin deputation. We had our prayer cards ordered, our banner ordered, and I began making phone calls to pastors scheduling meetings. I was so excited, and then...everything changed. We were delayed in beginning deputation, and at first, I was somewhat frustrated by what was happening. But as time went by, God began to open doors and now we have a full schedule of meetings through the middle of 2021. God is good!

November was our busiest month so far, and the opportunities were many. We've met many people who have connections to Riverside. Some may have grown up there or lived there earlier in their life or went to school there, etc. Many have expressed their delight in seeing someone called to that area. It is evident that God is giving us favor with the people and churches we have been able to share our burden with. PLEASE PRAY that would continue.

As we approach Christmas, we want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! We always rejoice in this time of the year when we celebrate the incarnation of the Messiah. People always seem to be more open to the gospel this time of year, and PLEASE PRAY that we would take advantage of the opportunities to share the good news about the birth of Christ.

In our previous letters, we had shared our prayer request for a cargo trailer for deputation travels. Well praise the Lord! At a home missions conference in Northern California the money was raised for us to purchase a trailer! What a great blessing these churches and individuals have been to us. People we have never met before have opened their hearts to us and have demonstrated the love of Christ, while others we've met have been interesting to say the least.

As I was preaching in Fresno, CA a man walked into the service during the Sunday School hour and begin to amen during my preaching. At first it was great to have so much vocal feedback, which I always appreciate. Then he began to preach my sermon for me, quoting verses before I could even finish them, and trying to finish my sentences for me. It was very distracting, but being a guest at the church, I didn't know what to do and I didn't want to offend anyone. Finally, it was too much and I told the man in a nice way that I could preach the sermon without his help, and everything calmed down after that. That's good training for the future as you never know what will happen while you're behind the pulpit.

Our transition away from our jobs and home church ministries is fast approaching as we begin full-time deputation in March! PLEASE PRAY that everything will go smoothly with the transitions.

To all of our faithful friends and supporters: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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