

Dear Pastors, Churches, and Friends,

"The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." - Job 1:21

This prayer letter is late getting out, but I'm sure most of you have probably heard of our latest "drama" in deputation, which is the reason for the delay. Three weeks ago, we were trying to get out of the path of the blizzard that hit much of the midwest, but instead of beating it, we ran into it. When an accident occurred ahead of us, everyone began to slow, but when we hit the brakes, nothing happened, and we slid into the back of the semi-truck in front of us. In that single, heartstopping moment, we lost our main source of transportation and our home.

That first week was devastating as we dealt with the insurance company, packed up as much of our belongings as we could fit into our tow-behind vehicle and a U-haul trailer, and tried to process the loss. But God blessed in many ways, and our Christian family rallied around us in prayer and financial support. We received so many phone calls, text messages, and other forms of contacts from family, friends, and churches (both supporting and non-supporting), it was nearly unbelievable. I don't think either of us truly realized how many people were keeping up with us and praying for us until this incident, and it's been such a blessing to be a part of God's family and experience His care through others. Thank you!

Additionally, God has blessed us in that we haven't missed a single meeting during this spell. We have been in a couple of encouraging missions conferences, where churches loved on us to the point that we almost forgot our troubles. We've also been blessed to attend several other meetings in Wisconsin, Indiana, and Florida. We've seen souls saved and others revived. It's been exciting to watch God work.

A week ago, the Lord blessed us with another motorhome. It's not quite as big as the one we had previously, but it is certainly spacious enough to meet our needs. We purchased it from an elderly gentleman whose wife could no longer travel due to health issues. He had done many upgrades to the RV and had taken great care of it, but he still offered it to us at a great price. After we finished the paperwork, he took us out to lunch, and we were able to witness to him. His wife occasionally attends a Presbyterian church, but he had little knowledge of God and the Scriptures. We had the opportunity to give him a tract and one of Dana's books, and he was very open to all we told him. Please pray for Jim that the Lord will draw him to salvation. We spoke with the Downeys yesterday, and they told us of six different missionaries who had left the field of Wales in the past year. Six! This news was discouraging to us and created a greater longing within us to reach the field as soon as possible. The people of Wales need the gospel, and for some reason, they are losing witnesses at an alarming rate. Please help us pray for the country of Wales and for the missionaries that are still there trying to shine the light of Christ in such a spiritually dark environment.

We are still hoping to finish deputation by the end of the summer and to make it to Wales by early autumn. We still have about 40% of our support to raise, but we know God is able. We are trusting Him to provide our needs and to get us to Wales in His perfect timing, In the meantime, we'll continue to shine His light wherever we go and to thank Him for His many blessings!

In Christ's Hand, Jason and Dana Rongione



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