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Dear praying friends,

The first two months of deputation have gone by! Ever since our first meeting where we got to present our ministry on June 25, we have been in 17 more churches to present our ministry. It has been amazing to see God work in our lives and open doors that have helped us either in travel, or expenses, or even ministry opportunities. We have learned that because of our extensive (and sometimes non-stop) travel, we have many wonderful opportunities to give the gospel to those that we meet. Soon enough, we will have a personalized tract that we pray will open up people's hearts even more to read and accept the gospel message.

God has already answered prayers for us regarding deputation. Because of my job as a school bus driver, we had very little income during the summer, prompting us to go right into full-time deputation. While we were certainly worried whether or not God would provide for our needs, in our patience and trust we saw God come through for us. Our first 3 meetings all yielded 3 supporting churches for us! Our very first missions conference in Iowa was very generous in their giving, which in result was an obvious answer to our needs! We are now financially stable and fully able to continue on deputation full-time while also putting part of our support towards our key money fund. Thankfully, I will not have to quit my driving job either. Before the start of this school year, they left a position open for me that would allow me to drive only when I am in the area without any penalty when our family is out of town for a meeting. We have found that we are better off when God is in control of our finances.

Over the past two months, we were able to present our ministry in 14 churches in 5 different states (Illinois, Iowa, Virginia, West Virginia, and Indiana). We have gained 7 supporting churches over that time, raising our support level to 14%. We have quickly learned that though deputation is a long and sometimes tedious process, it is also a great opportunity for learning and growth. I have come to agree with many missionaries that though deputation may not be easy, it is necessary, not only to raise support, but to grow closer to God in the process.

Serving the Lord,

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