December 18, 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It is hard to believe that another year is almost finished. 2023 has been a great year, and 2024 looks to be a year full of reaching small towns here in South Dakota. We are hoping to do 6 tent revivals and several Bible studies in the spring and fall. Plus, reach into towns that we have not yet had a chance to minister.

I had been looking forward to writing this letter for some time now. I was going to excitedly announce that we were expecting our 12th child in late June. However, the excitement turned to sadness as last week Leah experienced a miscarriage. She was in the last week of her first trimester. We found out the sad news during an ultrasound. As we sat there in the room watching the display, we could see its tiny little body but there was no heartbeat or movement detected. We left the doctor's office saddened but with the comfort that only God can give. The next morning her body began the typical process that happens with a miscarriage. Then shortly after supper, I had to rush her to the hospital in Aberdeen, 50 miles away, to undergo an emergency procedure due to some complications. She is back home and doing well but will need some time to recover. And though we are sad for the loss, our confidence in the LORD has not waned because we know that He is always in control.

We are excited about the work that the LORD is doing in our family. Rachel is almost finished with her second semester at Harvest Baptist Bible College in Fort Dodge, Iowa. In January, Stephen will be joining her as a student there. We are thankful that the tuition is very reasonable and that both are willing to work as necessary to help pay their bills.

Josiah had a hearing test done in October. During the test, they determined that everything he heard was at the level of a whisper; so he was prescribed hearing aids. He has had the hearing aids for a couple of weeks now, and the improvement is amazing. We no longer have to call his name several times before he answers, and his speech is improving on a daily basis.

All the other kids are doing well and excited about Christmas. We would like to thank everyone who has sent cards and gifts for Christmas. Your generosity allows us to buy something for each of the kids.

There are several exciting things in the works, but they will have to wait for the next letter. Until then, please keep us in your prayers as we reach the lost here in South Dakota.

In Christ,

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Missionary to the Small Towns of South Dakota