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Dear Praying Church Family:

Well, did you ever think we would start the new decade like this! A pandemic, that created a quarantine, that promoted fear and government control! Our Lord and Savior is coming soon in the clouds! Are you busy telling others of this news? Are you looking up for our redemption that draws nigh? These are the questions we keep in the forefront of our mind and strive to do our best until He comes.

These past six months have been busy and we have seen the Lord do some wonderful things for us. After we sent out the spring letter our children had some changes in their school and work schedule. Schools were closed for the rest of the year so Jamie our teacher was laid off. Josh came back from West Coast Baptist College and completed his first semester online. Alyssa and Matt were homeschooled and completed their year at home. All of my medical appointments had to be rescheduled or it was online. In May, our family started to get busy. School was completed, and the adult “kids” went back to work or started their summer jobs. I was able to see the doctors and also begin a new church plant in Breckenridge, Michigan.

In March, I was asked to help start a new church in Breckenridge, Michigan. My health hinders me from doing it alone, so with the help from two retired pastors we began preparing for services. The Covid-19 crisis put a hold on our endeavors for a bit, but praise the Lord it did not stop this new start. Bible Baptist started out in a home. There is where we would have Sunday morning services and began praying for a building where they would be able to worship and reach the community. As the services continued in the home weekly, the Lord was preparing a building. In July, they were able to rent a building and buy some chairs for the auditorium. The building is located in the heart of the little town and services began on July 12, 2020. Our second week in the building we saw three visitors. Pastor Devin Dosson of Montana and I began preparing for revival services. His family is committing and excited about a new church springing forth in Breckenridge. Revival services were planned and took place this past week. We have had many supporting churches come out and help with the services, special music and inviting the community to the services. It was my privilege to lead Mike to the Lord on Friday before the meetings began. He came to the first service and brought his wife and their six children with him. Please pray for this growth and he is grateful to God sending the gospel to him and for his family to grow in Christ. We have had others visitors from the community and it has been a blessing to see God moving in the area. On August 30, we had 30 people in attendance. 22 were from the community. We also saw a boy come to Christ this Sunday! Pray for Tyler.

Because of COVID-19, everyone's July 4th celebration was unique. We went to Immanuel Baptist Church to watch fire works and while we were in route our friend Glade called us. He had a burden for a friend who has had a great impact in his life and he was sick and dying without Christ. Glade asked if I could call him and while my wife and kids were enjoying the fireworks, I was able to explain our wonderful Savior to him and Mark accepted Christ! I was in Corunna, Michigan and Mark was in Westminster, MD. Mark met his wonderful Lord this past week. It is never too late to witness and proclaim Christ. Please pray for Mark's wife and family.

In July we were with Greenwood Baptist Church in Winchester, VA. I was blessed to have my wife and son Matt join me on this trip. It was a blessing to be with Greenwood Baptist and be able to serve the Lord. We went on visitation on Saturday and met Mary. I had visited her last summer and she said that she would come this year with her husband. Sunday morning she came and brought her husband. On Monday she brought a friend and was back on Wednesday the last night. Since July, Mary and her family have been attending the church and have called it their home! We were blessed to be able to be with Jeff and Erica Clarke and be able to see some friends and loved ones in Maryland while we were in the area.

Finally, we took a much needed break and went to Myrtle Beach, SC. While we were there, a tropical storm showed us the handiwork of our great God and we enjoyed some time with our kids. School has called our kids back and they are happy to be back in a schedule. Jamie is teaching once again, and Josh has left for West Coast Baptist College and will finish his final semester. Alyssa is a senior in high school and Matt will begin 5th grade. My doctor appointments are continuing to be scheduled and I will be having a procedure done on September 17, 2020. I will be admitted to the hospital on September 15 and they will begin a new drug that hopefully will get my heart beating properly again. On the 17th they will shock my heart to see if the medication will control the AFIB and allow the ejection fraction percentage to rise. It is still extremely low less than 25%. I am still on a life vest. The alarm has been going off a lot. This indicates that my heart rate is still very high and this medical procedure is very necessary. God has used my frailties for His cause and I am blessed to be able to be used.

**Prayer requests:** Please pray for my health and wisdom for my doctors.

Please pray for Josh, Alyssa and Matt as they are going to school.

Please pray for Jamie as she works in a private public school. She has been able to witness and be a light. There are a lot of hurdles with the COVID-19 restrictions, and the stress can be overwhelming at times.

Please pray for our daughter Amanda.

Please pray for Bible Baptist Church, Breckenridge, MI.

Pray that I will be able to schedule more meetings.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are truly grateful for how the Lord is using you to influence a nation without Christ.

Because of Him,  
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