



3rd Quarter 2023

Dear Co-laborers,

We pray that our letter finds everyone settling back into the routine that happens after summer camps and VBS's are finished and school is back in session. Since school here is year round (having two weeks between terms, and about six weeks off at Christmas, which is the summer here), most people have a more regular schedule year round and travel over the Christmas holidays.

This winter has been difficult here with many people being ill, but we praise the Lord that the church has been growing in spite of all the illnesses and hospitalizations. Recently, I have been taking breaks through some of the rather weightier subjects that come up as we work our way through different books of the Bible, and we have been blessed to look at some Psalms. I love encouraging the people as we look at the nature and character of God through the Psalms. It has been exciting and encouraging to me to see the people interested and learning more about the awesome God we serve.

Another area that we have enjoyed watching God work in is the Christian school where we minister. I have been able to share the Gospel recently with some students, as most of the students are not Christian. It is exciting to be able to have this opportunity. It is definitely a mission field within a mission field.

As I close the letter, please pray for the following:

- 1) The health of the church family – some people have been out of church nearly the whole winter due to illness.
- 2) Also, please pray that we would see 2 people saved as we reach into the community.
- 3) Sherrie's health – she has been extremely ill most of the winter, and it seems the doctor has finally found the cause; however, she has to see a specialist and then have surgery to correct the problem. Since the wait time is long, please pray that the intervening treatment will help her be able to function at a level that she is well enough for all she needs to be able to do.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!!

To the praise of His glory,

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