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Dear Praying Friends,

We are constantly amazed at the goodness of God toward us. We do not deserve the goodness we receive on a daily basis, much less the extra doses that He graciously gives over and over. Even when things do not turn out as we would choose, we must humbly confess that God is still good.

We have had a bout of sickness in the family. Becky was diagnosed with COVID and went through some rough times, but we are thankful that she has fully recovered. At the same time I was diagnosed with a severe sinus infection and Jared had similar symptoms to mine. We were a miserable lot for a while! We are grateful that James and Jason were spared from sickness and took good care of us during that time.

I had the opportunity to preach in an independent Baptist church that is currently seeking a pastor. When I was with them, no one had shown any interest in becoming the pastor of the church, although many were willing to come to fill the pulpit for them. I was reminded once again about the great need for labourers in Canada and around the world. We truly need to follow the Lord's command to "... Pray...the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest (Matthew 9:38)."

We continue to have interest in our church. Some merely ask about our church; some visitors come; some stay for a while; some become members and grow in the Lord Jesus. We are thankful that the gathering restrictions have been lifted by the government, which makes people "feel safe" to attend church again. We have seen a marked increase in calls and emails about our church since the restrictions were lifted.

One couple recently spoke to us about church membership. When we began to inquire into their salvation, the man had a clear testimony of salvation while the woman did not. We tried to help her to see her need to trust Christ alone, rather than count on her "spiritual journey" that concluded with a baptism. As a result of that meeting, they both decided to find another church to attend. We are concerned that she has

convinced herself of her salvation without any Scriptural evidence. We are also concerned for her lost parents who had attended and had questions about salvation. Please pray that the seed sown through the preaching of God's Word will bear fruit in their lives.

Years before we moved to Edmonton we asked people to pray for us to quickly receive our Permanent Residence (PR) so that we can remain in Canada to serve the Lord. We have been in Canada for nearly six years; in all this time, we have been working toward the goal of PR. God finally answered that prayer for four of us on "Twos-day (2/22/2022)." We are thrilled that the Lord has heard our prayers in this matter. Jared and Jason have been seeking employment since that time. Please pray that they will find the right positions, where they can work and glorify their Saviour.

James, our oldest, was disqualified from our PR application because we could not submit the application until 10 days after his birthday last year. Had we been able to submit the application before his birthday last year, he would have been included in this process. He later made an application for a Work Permit which was denied days after we received our approval. We had planned to sponsor him once we received our PR, but we have since learned that such an option is not open to us. We are praying for the Lord's leadership in this situation, and we ask you to pray with us. James' desire is to remain with us in Canada and continue to help with the ministry here. We believe that the Lord will open a door for him, and we already have some ideas about the proper way to move forward.

We cannot express the gratitude we feel for the many who call our names in prayer. We can see God working in a way that cannot be explained except by the intercession of prayer!

The Night Cometh!

