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**September Prayer Letter**

Dear Praying Friends,

Serving the Lord can become a rut of routine if we fail to properly tend our relationship with Him. In this rut of routine, we become bored with serving the Lord. I am happy to report that we are still fresh with the joy and excitement of serving Jesus here in Edmonton! Our prayer is that each one of you is also enjoying that same freshness in your service to Him!

We have been meeting in our new facility for just over a month now. In the past month, we have rejoiced to see many visitors. Two surprise visitors were a supporting pastor and his wife, who stopped by "on their way" to another meeting. That was a great blessing to us! Three other visitors were another supporting pastor, along with a man and wife from his church. It was a joy to show them around our mission field, where the world has truly come to us. We also had the privilege of having a missionary pastor and his wife from "up north." While it was a joy to fellowship with each one of these folks, we are thrilled that we have seen many visitors from our local area in our services as a direct result of our recent mailing of John & Romans! Please pray that we will be able to follow up with each one of these individuals, find out about their spiritual condition, and aid them to come to Christ or in their walk with the Lord!

We have, at times, talked about how good the Lord has been to us in giving us our Nissan Pathfinder SUV. We purchased it while we were still on deputation several years ago, and have added tens of thousands of miles on it since that day. We have had very little expense with this vehicle, outside of the normal things: gas, oil, and tires. Recently, several things had come to a head, and we had to spend a large chunk of change to get those things repaired. These were all wear-and-tear issues, so I didn't mind the expense, even though it considerably depleted our funds. However, less than a week after getting our vehicle out of the shop, we had cause for concern. We had to take the Pathfinder back to the shop immediately where

they found that we needed a new radiator. This was another large chunk of change that we were not prepared to spend. Between both times in the shop, we spent just over \$3,000 in repairs to the Pathfinder. We were also informed that the transmission was on the downhill slide, which would easily cost \$3,000-4,000 to replace if we chose a used transmission. The conclusion we reached, after much prayer, was that "Old Faithful" would need to be traded in for another vehicle. When we found a replacement vehicle that was suitable for us and our ministry, the Pathfinder had just turned over 229,228 miles (368908 km). We are praying that this "new-to-us" vehicle will prove to be as reliable and long-lasting as was the Pathfinder.

Please continue to pray for our Bible Institute, which will start up again in September. James and Jared are our only students again this year, which means that we can be a little more flexible in our schedule. Last year they did a great job of learning, and we are praying that they will continue to learn and develop for the Lord. I am so thankful for their desire to learn more about the Lord and His Word, even though they do not feel that the Lord has called them into full-time service. They are both a blessing to their Dad (and so is their younger brother, Jason, who will begin grade 10 in September)!

As a reminder, if you would like to see our past prayer letters, or if you happen to miss one for some reason, you can always find past and current prayer letters on our website. <https://jerryjacksonfamily.weebly.com/newsletters.html>

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers that you send up on behalf of us and the ministry here in Edmonton. Please continue to pray!

The Night Cometh!