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Dear Praying Friends,

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Eph 3:20). God has been doing some great things since our last prayer letter, and we are expecting Him to do greater things in the coming days.

Within the last two months two couples have joined the church and another couple started attending. The two couples that joined the church are faithful and getting actively involved in the ministry. Their testimonies have encouraged others as well, and our Wednesday service attendance has been growing. I’ve requested prayer for Wednesday church attendance before, and last Wednesday we had 15 people in attendance. And that was with two of our regulars out sick. I believe it is one of the highest Wednesday night attendances we have had. While the town of Ontonagon continues to decline (our local hardware store and Pamida are both closing), our church is growing. To God be the glory.

As we write to you this month, we have two matters we need you to pray over with us. First, I counseled with a couple that is engaged to be married. She is saved and he is not. I went through the Word of God and showed them how I could not marry them because they would be unequally yoked. In the process I clearly presented the plan of salvation. The man didn’t trust Christ as Savior but was very receptive. Please pray that Matt would trust Christ as Savior or that they would break off the engagement.

The second matter of prayer concerns our family. A few weeks ago we took Jeremiah in for a checkup at the pediatrician’s office, and the doctor found a significant heart murmur. They then preformed several tests on Jeremiah (an EKG, oxygen count, and heart x-ray), and these tests didn’t reveal any imminent threats to Jeremiah’s life. But these tests weren’t extensive enough to determine why his heart murmur is worsening, either. Our pediatrician recommends Jeremiah have an echocardiogram done, and this test should tell us exactly why Jeremiah’s heart sounds as it does, thus giving us an idea of whether he may need surgery sometime in the future.

There aren’t any pediatric heart doctors in the UP, so we will travel down state to have this test done at the University of Michigan Children’s Hospital. His appointment is on March 23. Please pray that the test will be conclusive and that God would lead, guide, and direct us in any decisions that might need to be made. One matter of praise in this whole ordeal is that God laid it on the hearts of the members of Ontonagon Baptist church to take up a special offering to help cover our expenses. Truly God knows all of our needs and is able to meet them in advance.

We rejoice in the Lord that He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Thank you for your concern and prayers for both our church congregation and our family. As always, we look forward to continuing to serve God at Ontonagon Baptist Church.

In Christ,
The Masons