Dear Friends,

LOTS OF DRIVING! - Over the last four weeks, we have spent a lot of time visiting churches and giving updates to our ministry. I thank the Lord that our vehicle has been running well, and we have had no issues along the way. It's easy to take for granted the safety that the Lord provides sometimes, especially when we think about the fact that, not long ago, I was preaching in Central America, and then Texas and Virginia, and several places in between. The Lord has been good to us as we have raised some new support and also raised a lot of money towards our latest project in Pakistan. Later this week, we will make the drive from Virginia back to Texas and begin making preparations for our trip back to Thailand which is coming soon!

TWO NEW DRIVERS! - Please pray for our sons. Caleb and William. On October 15th, they are each scheduled to take their driving test that is required to get their driver's license. They both need to pass on the first try because we will be leaving the country and rescheduling would complicate things to say the least. Our three older kids have been through this, and I am thankful that these are the last two and I will be done with that! A considerable amount of my time has been spent teaching my kids to drive over the last few years.

ZOOM MEETINGS - While here in the States, we have continued our weekly meetings on Zoom. This past Sunday night, we had the largest group ever - 55 families were in the meeting! Mostly in Thailand but some in Pakistan, Canada, and America. This is a ministry outreach that we use to win the lost and to disciple new believers. It is an encouragement to persecuted Christians and has become a very fruitful part of our ministry. And while it is not a church, it is a wonderful tool that we have been using to stay close to those we are ministering to while we are here in the States.

PROJECT LIBERTY - In my last letter, I presented a new project. We are purchasing a large plot of land in Pakistan for a new church plant. While I must be careful to share details of this project, I can say that I have known the pastor for eight years, and I have

met with him on each of my trips to Pakistan. Their doctrine is sound and we have partnered with them in the past. I am confident that they will continue to serve the Lord. This new church will also house a Christian school. This is a great need in Pakistan. The children of Christian families face great difficulties in educating their children. The public school system is based on sharia law. All students are required to memorize large portions of the Quran, to pray, and to observe other Islamic teachings that go against their faith. Christian schools are usually out of the question because they are run by large Catholic churches and they charge an enormous amount for tuition and fees. Our pastor friend has already been teaching a group of 25 Christian children in his home for the past five years. This project will not only give the church a new home but it will give the Christian school room to grow as there are many more children in need. Lastly, this new base will give our non-profit association a permanent home. We have to be very careful with ministry outreach projects. The non-profit is a wonderful tool to help us in that area. Liberty Baptist Church will also have an office dedicated to this need. The total cost for the land, taxes, and registration is approximately \$32,000. As of September 19th, we have received \$14,100, leaving another \$17,900 to raise. I have heard from two or three supporting churches that they will be helping us out as well. I am sure that the Lord will provide but please make this a matter of prayer. We would like to have all of the paperwork done and the property secure as soon as possible. If you send a check to our church, please note in the memo line that it is for "Project Liberty."

Thank you for praying for us. Also, thank you for supporting us financially and giving generously to our projects. There are so many people in need, and we are so blessed that God is using us to make such a difference in the lives of so many.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our visits into Pakistani homes Persecuted Christians in Pakistan and Thailand Our Weekly Zoom meetings and in-person meetings

- Randy & Gwendolyn Ashcraft

II Thessalonians 3:1 - "...Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you ..."

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