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"But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

I want to start by praising the Lord for His promise in Philippians 4:19, and for His wonderful provision. He has been blessing in many unexpected ways over these past few weeks. I also want to claim this promise for His future provision. Additionally, I want to thank each of you who are a part of His provision whether through your prayer support, your regular financial support, or through special gifts.

Furlough—Medical

The beginning of my furlough had some instability to it, due to the possible need of surgery. It took a bit of time to go through all the proper steps to determine that I did, in fact, need surgery. That surgery occurred on Dec. 20 (after having been re-scheduled from a previous date) and did turn out to be relatively minor. However, even minor surgery requires several weeks of recovery and numerous follow-up visits to the surgeon's office. It was difficult to schedule many meetings during that period of time because of the uncertain schedule. However it was a wonderful blessing to be able to be at my home church for much of that time. The Lord allowed me to be involved in several ministries there like going out on ladies' visitation, singing in the choir, speaking to the girls in our Awana program, and sharing with an after-school Bible club at a public school.

Not all of my medical issues are completely resolved yet. I learned recently that I will need to work in an unexpected trip back to Northern Virginia for a repeat of a test regarding a matter not related to the surgery. Please pray that results from that test will be clear and will not necessitate any further action (which could then result in a postponement of my return to the field). I am also just finishing battling a respiratory infection that is a frequent complication of asthma. Praise the Lord, I was able to get some medicine fairly quickly. Please pray that the Lord will keep me healthy while I travel.

Furlough—Travel

After a few meetings in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Maryland at the end of January through mid-March, I then began my heavy travel period. I have had the privilege of sharing recently at churches in Georgia, Florida, and Washington; and have upcoming meetings in Oregon, Vancouver BC, Florida and Georgia (again), South Carolina, and then once again in Washington and Oregon. Please pray for wisdom regarding additional scheduling, safety of flights, safety as I drive many miles, and that the car I am using will continue to run well. I had some trouble with the car in February, but am very thankful that it occurred while I was at my home base in Northern Virginia.

Support Needs

I ask once again that you join me in continuing to pray for the need of additional support. I have been able to visit a few new churches, while primarily visiting current supporting churches to give an update. I praise the Lord for some additional support as well as the promise of some more in upcoming months. However, at the same time there has been some loss of support due to the continuing economic challenges here in the United States. My current average support is approximately \$1000 less than it should be to meet my budget in Japan. However, God knows all of this, and NOTHING takes Him by surprise. He has been abundantly blessing through love offerings and special gifts to cover furlough expenses, and I am trusting Him to supply the exact monthly support that I need in His perfect timing.

Yokosuka Baptist Church

The ministry in Japan continues to experience God's blessings. Many people have been saved and baptized in recent weeks and months. On March 11 (the anniversary of last year's earthquake and tsunami), they held a special service for "Japanese Sunday" and had 144 people in attendance. Then on another recent Sunday morning, due to a large number of city residents passing our church to attend a special on-base function, church members had the unexpected opportunity to pass out a few thousand tracts. Please pray that the Lord will continue to meet the needs of the church and that we will continue to see growth in both the military ministry and the Japanese ministry.

By His Grace,
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