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Dear faithful friends and supporters,

πληρόω (plēroō) – "filled to the full." That's the word Paul the Apostle used when he expressed his gratitude to the church at Philippi. We resonate with this word as we reflect on that last two months. SO much has happened, and our hearts are FULL.

In March, by God's grace, we were able to accompany our daughter, son-in-law, and two precious granddaughters to Zambia, Africa, to help them get settled. We enjoyed helping with the kids, working on things at their house, and seeing the places where they will be ministering. Julie and I both had the privilege of teaching Sunday School while there. Though their container did not arrive while we were there as we prayed, it did arrive 3 weeks later, praise the Lord! It was bitter/sweet leaving them there, but we rejoice that our kids are faithfully serving the Lord!

The day before we left for Africa, I had the privilege of preaching for mission emphasis at Joshua Baptist Church, Joshua, Texas. During the invitation, a lady came forward and accepted Christ as her personal Savior! A co-worker had been witnessing to her, and we praise God for getting to be there when she accepted the Lord and was gloriously saved!

One week after our return from Africa, we headed to Ohio to be in four different churches and to meet up with our missionaries ministering to the Hispanic community in the northeastern part of the state. We were also able to see our missionaries from Australia in one of the meetings. It was a joy to connect with some new pastors and re-connect with those who have faithfully supported us from the beginning. God gave us some wonderful meetings!

For the next couple of months, Lord willing, our travels will be local as I have the opportunity to fill the pulpit for churches in the area and then speak at a High School Graduation ceremony for a young man who has surrendered his life to serve the Lord. Julie and I will also be preparing to teach in Vacation Bible School at our church here in Arlington. It is a blessing to be able to serve!

Looking ahead, we will be making plans for a trip to Indonesia in August where we will see our missionaries Karen Werth and David and Carole Ross. The church where Miss Werth serves has asked me to preach for their 50th anniversary and also teach a session for the pastors in the area. Julie has been asked to speak to the pastor's wives as well. We are excited about this opportunity to see our missionaries and be a blessing!

Prayer requests:

- Please continue to pray for the salvation of Scott, Ashley, and our mailman, Creighton.
- Please pray for the safety of the Kerrs in Africa and that their work permits get approved soon.
- Please pray for wisdom at the office as our lease comes up for renewal this summer. Also, we need to hire some additional help. Please pray for God to guide us to the right individual to serve in this ministry.

THANK YOU for being so faithful to pray for us. It is an honor to serve on your behalf!

Serving the Lord together,

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