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"For thou art my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall."

~2 Sam. 22:29-30

Dear ,

It's hard to believe that 2026 is already halfway through. I hope you will take some time to reflect on these past six months to see how God has grown you - and maybe how you still need to grow. I plan to do the same; I am still being stretched and molded!

Through May and the beginning of June, I had struggled to be consistent with my ministry here. It's hard sometimes when you don't feel like you are doing much for the Lord and start to wonder if you're doing the right thing. I take comfort in the fact that even William Carey struggled with that! But I praise the Lord that He has helped me out of that drudgery feeling. Thank you for your prayers in this matter; I'm sure it won't be the last battle.

Encouraging Fellowship

I started out June in a church in Michigan. I met a deaf man (who speaks and reads lips) who was also raised in a Dutch household. Thank you for testing my very negligible knowledge of Dutch! On June 11, I left for western New York to be with my former pastor and his family for a few days and to present at his new church. I had a nice time catching up and exploring some of the new areas with them; the rest of the family had finally moved a couple weeks prior.

After that meeting, I headed to Ohio for a VBS at First Baptist of Elyria. It was great to see some BMM folks there since I won't be there for the Family Conference this year. I was gifted two pairs of klompen (Dutch wooden shoes) that week! I had a blast with the kids, sharing about the Dutch and Deaf cultures and how God might lead them to become a missionary one day. I also had a lovely stay with the Fullers and a couple of lovely meals with the Halls and the Wilcoxes. Thank you! When VBS concluded, I headed over to southwestern Pennsylvania. I had a great meeting with Trinity Baptist Church. You can join in praising the Lord that they took me on for support right away! The pastor talked to some of his pastor friends and graciously arranged for me to speak at another nearby church that evening. I can't remember the last time I had two meetings in one day.

Mary Amesbury had reached out at the end of May letting me know that she was available if I ever needed a stopping spot in Ohio. What a ministry minded woman she is. During the trip, I found out I needed to

be back home late Monday morning, so I really needed to get a head start after the evening meeting in Pennsylvania. She graciously opened her studio to me at the last minute, waiting up for me and getting up to have breakfast with me before I left very early! Thank you for your hospitality.



Answers to Prayer

The reason I needed to be back on Monday morning was that I needed to help out with watching my little niece (which I don't mind AT ALL). My mom had been serving as chauffeur for my sister and brother-in-law. On June 14, they got into a near head-on collision sending them into a tree. Thankfully, my niece was not with them in the car. Incredibly, they didn't have any serious injuries, although they are still dealing with lingering effects of minor ones. Praise the Lord for his protection; it could have been much worse.



Flying High in July

Tomorrow is the day of departure for the Netherlands! I printed out my boarding pass today and it started to feel a little more real. I will leave in the early afternoon tomorrow and arrive at 9:00am local time on July 1 (when everyone in America will be sleeping) and will return on July 23. I am looking forward to a wonderful time of Christian fellowship, camp, and learning more about the Dutch people. Please pray for the week of camp (July 11-17). If you want to find out more about it, you can go to the camp website gnbk.nl (you will have to translate the page into English). I have heard that there are many new campers coming this year. Pray that they will understand God's free gift of salvation and accept Him as their Savior that week! Thank you all for being involved in this trip; let us labor for the Lord together!

Praises

- Safe travels to New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and great meetings in each place

Prayer Requests

- Safe flights to and from the Netherlands
- Souls saved and built up during camp

- Protection for my sister and brother-in-law
- God's help again in seeing purpose in my ministry now
- Meetings scheduled for this summer/fall **(if you know of any churches looking for missionary guests, I would be happy to have you pass along their information!)**

In Christ,



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