



## March 2026

*“He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.”*  
~Mt. 28:6

Dear Prayer Warriors and Ministry Partners,

Spring has arrived...and so have longer days! I love being able to eat dinner and still have sunlight afterward. The amount of daylight will be an adjustment in the Netherlands. Because they are further north, they have longer summer days and shorter winter days. The rate of change between days is just faster. That means I can't get too used to a certain time the sun rises or sets because it will change too quickly. Even if it is hard to adjust at first, it means nothing to God because He is in control of time, of the planets and solar system, of everything.

I started the month with a meeting in southern IL at a tiny country church. I had a great time with the Meece family that week and several others from the church. They gave me the names of several churches that they knew in the area, one of which gave me the opportunity to present at their midweek service. The next Sunday I spent the day with a church in southern IN. I met another missionary family, the Perrys, who came back through town that evening. They, along with Pastor and Mrs. Ballard, were a huge encouragement. It was also a pleasure to spend time with the Wagners who hosted me at their home over the weekend. After driving back to southern IL, that next Wednesday I dropped in to visit another church in the area with which I had been in touch. I found out that they were participating in the AWANA games happening that Saturday the 14th. It happened that Fosterburg Baptist, where I had been the first leg of this trip, was hosting the games! AWANA was a significant part of my formative years; being there brought back a lot of good memories. The pastor of the church where I made a drop-in visit and another pastor attending the games were discussing the possibility of scheduling meetings at the same time when I come back to the area.

The week following I participated in a missions conference at a Deaf church in the St. Louis area. This was unique because it was the first time I had given my presentation in English and ASL at the same time outside of my home church (that was last June before I had my more polished presentation). I was able to sign two songs during the conference as well. It was wonderful to see a number of Deaf people come through the week. I even got to see a Deaf woman who had been saved the year I was a counselor at the Bill Rice Ranch. It was great to spend time with the Strosniders and have their daughter (also Abigail) help with making some more contacts that week. Finally, I stopped in northern IN for one last meeting before heading home. Pastor and Mrs. Joyner were such a blessing. It was also great to run into a fellow Crown graduate who happened to be visiting there that Sunday.

During the three other times I had gaps in between meetings in March and at the end of February, I stayed at my cousin's house. God is really working in that situation in my extended family. One by one, I am praying that He will bring us all back together. I went out to eat with my cousin and her family a couple times. I also had lunch with another cousin, her sister, whom I hadn't seen since 2020. Reconciliation is possible; don't give up!

Next week (April 9) I will be flying to Nebraska for a weekend Bible conference. Multiple pastors will be there, so it should be a good time to make several connections in the same area. I don't plan to go any further west, though! When I come back, I will be speaking at a ladies' missionary Spring Rally in Michigan with women from various churches nearby. The following weekend (April 17-19) I will attend an ASL Silent Weekend event. This will be a great opportunity both to be immersed in the culture and to witness to Deaf people. I plan to have one more meeting in April in Michigan on the 26th.

I had mentioned in my last letter that I had not been able to visit my former pastor's new church as originally planned. However, we have a new scheduled time for me to visit in June alongside another meeting out that "general" direction. I also wanted to give an update regarding camp in the Netherlands this summer. I have prayerfully decided to go. The camp is set for July 11-17. I do not have set travel dates yet, but I will be arriving early and staying afterward. The total trip will probably be about three weeks. Please pray that a good flight would be available in the near future. I will be planning a call with the Boyds soon to gather more preparation details. God put it on the hearts of multiple people to help out with the cost for this trip, so I don't have to worry about finances at all. I am glad that the fruit from this trip will abound to their account. Praise the Lord!

My favorite season of the year has arrived; not spring necessarily, but the season of Easter. I'm so thankful to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus! My home/sending church is putting on a dramatized message tomorrow evening for Good Friday. I will be interpreting the songs, and the pastor to the Deaf will be interpreting the main message. May God receive all the glory for it and use it to bring people to Him. Happy (almost) Resurrection Sunday! Christ is risen indeed!

#### *Praises*

- Continuing to grow new familial relationships
- Safe travels to southern Indiana, St. Louis, and home
- Camp decision reached
- Fellowship with Deaf people at the St. Louis missions conference

#### *Prayer Requests*

- Pastor Perkins and Pastor Treadway
- Unspoken request regarding sending church
- Flight to the Netherlands for camp needs to be booked
- Witnessing opportunities during ASL Silent Weekend
- Meetings scheduled for this spring **(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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