



## September 2025

*"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." ~Proverbs 16:9*

Dear Prayer Warriors and Ministry Partners,

That verse has been my mom's favorite verse for much of her lifetime. Even this month already, I am seeing the truth of this verse play out in the deputation process. This stage has already taken me down to the state of South Carolina, where I sit currently writing this update! How did I end up here?

Toward the end of August, I was trying to get my materials finished and my website running for the general public. Thank you for your prayers for this part of the process - it wasn't as easy as I had imagined! God gave me wisdom (and patience) through it all. Now on the other side of things, I am glad I took the time to make sure each piece looked well done and not rushed. I want to represent my Savior well wherever I go in every part of the ministry.

One thing I learned - if you know you have the skills to present yourself well in graphic design, go for it. If you don't, find someone to help you. That is why we have many different talents in the body of Christ; where one is weak, another can step up with strength. I personally want to thank Commission Creative for helping me with these items. You have allowed me to focus on more quickly moving forward with what needs to be done to further the gospel!

During this time, I also began to contact pastors. I want to thank my pastor, Pastor Perkins, for writing a recommendation letter for me. As I have heard, it can sometimes be difficult for a single missionary woman to have success in setting up meetings. I am grateful that my pastor is behind me and is helping me lessen this difficulty as much as possible.

My church also hosted a Deaf event called Fantastic Saturday on August 23rd. It was a wonderful time connecting and reconnecting with some Deaf people. We were challenged to be aware of "drifting" in our Christian walk. Please pray for one Deaf boy at my church - he has other difficulties that are keeping him from having understanding of spiritual things.

God has been good in giving me meetings throughout the month of October. I have one every Sunday and a missions conference. He also surprised me with a meeting on September 7th at Walker Bible Baptist Church, seven minutes from my house! Thank you to Pastor Garver and all the church members there for being so welcoming and wanting to help connect me with other churches as well.

God is taking my faith and growing it. I received an email from BMM about a missions conference down in GA right about the time of my first prayer update. I truly didn't think I would be traveling this far this early especially. However, God made a way, and I just finished up with that on Sunday the 21st. It was a blessed time worshipping the Lord, hearing from other missionaries, being able to present my field, and being encouraged and challenged from God's Word. Thank you to Pastor Massey and Trinity Baptist Church for your kind hospitality, delicious food, and continual prayers that will reach beyond the conference.

I had looked into flying to GA, but I ended up driving instead. I was able to stop along the way in TN and reconnect with some college friends and share the ministry with them, too. I want to thank the Whites for having me as their guest. I hope you keep up with learning more ASL!

I didn't mention this in my last letter, but at the VBS at Heritage Baptist Church (the local church besides my home church), there was yet another family visiting from SC to help. After the missions conference finished Sunday morning, I drove to their church and had some time to catch up and meet some of their church family as well. It was a blessed time. What are the odds that my best friend lives 15 minutes from that church? I don't know, but God can trump those odds because it's true! I will be visiting her and her husband's church this Wednesday night and stopping in NC to see her Nana before heading back home to MI.

In this first big trip of deputation, I do realize that I will miss my family a lot. I also realize that God is good to give me that companionship when I feel alone. He gives me that through His people, but mostly through one-on-one fellowship with Himself. As He said in Exodus 33:14, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." I am thankful for technology that keeps us connected these days! But it never replaces face-to-face interactions. Even though that kind of connection is limited, God is not limited by anything to connect with us, with me. Would you praise Him today for being a personal God?

#### *Praises*

- Safe travels to Tennessee, Georgia, and South Carolina
- Prayer cards, website, and other display items finished
- Meetings scheduled throughout Sundays and missions conference in October
- Amazing people in the body of Christ to stay with during travels
- Initial follow-up with boys from VBS

#### *Prayer Requests*

- Safe travels back to Michigan
- Boys from VBS, if at my church or another church to be faithful there
- Wednesday night meetings and two meetings per Sunday
- Practical, tangible ways to help foster growth numerically and spiritually in my sending church
- Financial ability (and faith) to wean off of doordashing soon

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