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To our faithful supporters,

Our Battles and God's Grace

These last couple of months have been an emotional rollercoaster with our prayer list increasing with burdens not just of our own, but also of those close to us. God's Word reveals that Christians will face battles, temptations, trials, and testing times, but it also has told us that He provides the methods to face each circumstance correctly. That doesn't mean that it is always easy. His Grace is sufficient!

First of all, we praise the Lord for spiritual victories. We feel closer to God now than ever before. We see Him working in and through us while on furlough. We've spent the last two months visiting our supporting churches and also presenting in some new churches that are considering partnering with us. We rented a mini-van from Baptist Missionary Transportation Ministry and have put over 10,000 miles on it already. Our headlights went out on us a few times while driving on the highway at night, but God protected us each time. The problem was corrected by replacing the headlight switch. There have been close calls on the road with tire treads flying at us and weather, but God has given traveling mercies. What a blessing to have served God in two Vacation Bible Schools and help lead children to the Lord. Our girls had the opportunity to attend Camp CoBeAc and grew spiritually as well. Our boys have been able to work to save money for college. Nathan has started his first year as a Maranatha Baptist University student at Camp CoBeAc's Bridge to Campus program. Matthew continues to work to save money so he may go to the Watertown campus when possible. He is currently involved serving God in a Spanish church in Indiana. Our girls have started homeschooling while on furlough. It's difficult to have a routine when we are never in one place for very long.

Secondly, we praise God for His grace to strengthen us to face the burdens of our heart. Nisha's brother (Jason Adams) was involved in a motorcycle accident recently in northern California, which caused a broken neck (the C1 and C3 vertebrae of his spine). He was put on life support and needed immediate surgery to stabilize the vertebrae from his skull to his neck. He has been in our prayers for many years to be saved, but now also for physical healing. Nisha was able to fly out to California to be with him in the hospital for a short while, but is now back traveling with us. Each day reveals more hope of his recovery. Please pray with us for the decisions needing to be made for Jason. It's a heavy burden on Nisha to know that her mom passed away years earlier, that her dad is facing stage 4 cancer in Florida, and her brother is in critical condition many states away.

Another dear friend (Mike Smith) who led Jon to the Lord and has served God faithfully in our home church has also received word of his cancer too late to be treated. He has asked for prayer to strengthen him to finish the course that God has given to him until the end. The burdens of life can be very heavy, especially when they involve family and close friends. I'm so glad that we have a God who cares, comforts, and challenges our faith to increase.

What an encouragement to have had the months of July and August to be in the Great Lakes area visiting our sending church and spending time with family and friends. We are currently presenting in churches on the east coast in September and will be making our way toward the west coast in October. Thank you for your continued prayers and for your encouragement while on furlough. Our cell phone while in the States is 734-735-4582.

Serving a Great God,
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