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**Dear Friends and Family,**

In Psalms 5:8, David cries, “Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness...**make thy way straight before my face.**” This has been our prayer for many months now, and we are thankful for the Lord’s leadership in our life (Psalm 27:11). We ask you to continue to pray for the Lord’s will to be done in our family and ministry. In the last three months, the Lord has used numerous Scriptures, circumstances, coworkers, family, friends, conferences, meetings, and time spent in prayer and study to make his way more plain and straight in our lives.

Every year Tom and Barb Needham host a **missionary family camp** at their house and property in Cameroon, and the missionaries always eagerly anticipate this time. This year most of the missionaries were on an unexpected furlough because of the war in Cameroon’s English regions and for missionary Charles Wesco’s funeral. This prompted brother Tom and Ben Sinclair to organize and arrange for the camp to be held in Louisiana at Southland Christian Camp. The Lord used this time of fellowship with coworkers as well as the clear Spirit-led preaching of Pastor Craig Scott from Denver to help us all. With themes of waiting on the Lord, lessons from Elijah, and trusting the Lord in storms, we felt the Lord speaking clearly to us individually, as a family, and as missionaries. Thank you for praying for us and for your financial support that made this trip possible. Our family was greatly blessed through this needful week!

With the rebellion and conflict in the English regions of Cameroon raging, we believe the Lord would have us prepare to return to **French speaking Cameroon**. We have been busy learning French for last few months! We have checked out many library materials and have started using a good app to get familiar with the French language and cultures. I have spent a lot of time researching which direction the Lord would have us go for long-term language acquisition and have contacted over 15 missionaries or people who have learned French. They have all directed us to three schools in France, two schools in Canada, and one in Tennessee. These schools are all slightly different in approach, length of classes, cost, location, and purpose. The one that seems to best suit our family would be the university in Quebec City. There is also a pastor there who is eager to help us if we went there. We would be involved in his church and be able to learn Biblical French as applied to local church settings and evangelism in addition to the grammar we learn at school. Please pray for wisdom as we make some decisions in the coming days about language acquisition. We are praying about a **homeschool teacher** joining us for our children, so Abby can focus on the language as well.

We will need to **raise more support** for living and renting in more expensive French speaking areas whether Canada, France, or Cameroon. Please pray with us for open doors to present our ministry this spring and summer. We would also welcome the opportunity to report to more of our supporting churches as we are able.

I had another basal cell skin cancer removed in December, and we continue to trust the Lord for this ongoing health issue and expense. I have been busy preaching most weeks at Believers Baptist Church in Coal Valley, so please pray for this supporting church to find the right pastor for their church. Abby and the kids are having a good homeschool year, and we have enjoyed exploring areas and people of Illinois history such as Blackhawk, John Deere, Abraham Lincoln. Please pray for my mom as she needs wisdom for selling her property. We have been working out there often trying to prepare for an appraisal this spring and for an estate sale of various belongings. Thank you for praying for my whole family during this first seven months without Dad.

I finish with a thought on Psalm 23 from several Baptist pastors of not too distant history: “If the green pastures in which you have been feeding are suddenly scorched to the roots by the withering sun of adversity, or if the shade tree under which you have been sitting at the side of a wilderness oasis is split from top to bottom by a sudden shaft of lightning, and that which you had hoped to be your shelter for years to come is suddenly laid waste around you, you have a Shepherd who knows where there are other green pastures and other still waters.” H.O. Van Gilder (quoted by Ketcham) “One thing is certain—when such experiences come to the believer, his eyes are too full of tears to be very successful in finding new pastures and new springs. Happy that believer who, in the midst of all the disaster which suddenly overtakes him, and when ‘things’ have suddenly vanished, still has with him the blessed consciousness of the presence of the Shepherd.” R.T. Ketcham on Psalm 23:1

*Yours truly in the Lord: Sam, Abby, Elena, Elias, Chloe, and Caitlyn Sanderlin*