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Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

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It is a joy to write to you once again and share how the Lord is moving in our lives and ministry here in the Southwest. As we look back on these past two months, we are reminded of the promise found in 1 Corinthians 15:58: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."*

What Has Happened:

We had our annual Valentine's dinner in February, which provided a sweet time of fellowship for our church family. Shortly after, we had the privilege of traveling to Alabama to attend a missions conference for one of our faithful supporting churches. It is always a refreshing time to reconnect and update those who partner with us in this work.

Then in March, we held a marriage conference that focused on strengthening the foundation of our families. It was a great encouragement to our church! On a personal note, our son Cash turned 15! He has already obtained his learner's permit and started his first job. It is a blessing to see him growing and learning the value of hard work. In just a few short months, he has learned some valuable lessons, made a name for himself, and gained a lot of respect from many around us. He was recently named the very first employee of the month for the company he is working for!

We were also honored to host an internship for a couple from one of our supporting churches for a few weeks. They are currently preparing for deputation, and it was a privilege to have them serve alongside us. God continues to provide the increase in the local assembly as well; we recently had nine new members join the church!

We are also coming off a wonderful annual Easter Fellowship. We had a great turnout from the community, and many young people had the opportunity to hear the Gospel clearly presented.

In addition to the local work, I am currently teaching a deputation class for North Georgia Baptist College out of our home church. It's wonderful to see that the prayers that have been prayed for laborers is being answered. April's parents are currently here visiting with us, which has been a wonderful encouragement to our entire family.

Praises:

- We are praising the Lord specifically for the opportunities He gave us to get the Gospel to lost people during the Easter season. There is no greater joy than seeing seeds planted in a community that so desperately needs the truth.
- We are also praising Him for the visible growth in our church family, both in numbers and in spiritual maturity.

Prayer Requests:

- We ask that you would be in special prayer for a young lady named Sabrina and her family. They were formerly LDS but have left that religion in search of the truth. Please pray that the Holy Spirit would lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ as they study the Word with us.
- Lastly, please continue to pray for our financial support. As the ministry grows and costs increase, we are asking the Lord to provide the necessary funds to keep our hands on the plow without distraction. Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership.

For Souls,

Richard L. Howard

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