

# Pray for the Whiting Family

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Dear Friends and Family,

After a few weeks home in December, we are officially on the road again. We spent time with two churches whose pastors are former staff members of our sending church, and we enjoyed wonderful fellowship seeing old friends. We are thankful for the friends in the ministry God has brought our way, both old and new. Deputation can feel lonely at times, but it is a joy to be among friends and to be rejuvenated. We arrived in West Virginia a couple days before the big winter storm arrived, and we were snowed in at the pastor's house for about five days. Thankfully, we were able to record a service for the people to see, and the roads were clear enough when we needed to leave the area.

We had the opportunity to join a church for their youth soulwinning in North Carolina, and it was a blessing to see so many young people show up to knock on doors and invite people to church. I was paired with a young man and we knocked on a Jehovah's Witness' door. The man was not receptive to the gospel, but he was willing to talk for upwards of 15 minutes. He appeared to be very confused about what he believes as the conversation went on, and I talked him into taking a gospel tract as we left. He would not tell me his name, but please pray for the man in Rowan County, North Carolina, who needs to accept Jesus Christ as his Savior. Sadly, he is only one of countless others in the neighborhood who need the gospel. It was an encouragement to see a church working to reach the people around them.

We hope everyone is staying safe dealing with the winter storms. As we travelled towards Oklahoma, we hit a bad patch of black ice in the interstate and could not stop for a few seconds. Thankfully, God kept us safe, and we were able to keep the car in our lane and not hit another car or a barrier. I am usually a very confident driver, but it was a scary feeling to feel powerless to control the vehicle for a few seconds. God is good, and He protected us. Later, we were very low on gas in a rural part of Arkansas, looking for a gas station that never seemed to appear. Once again, God was with us and got us to a gas station, where we filled up 18.75 gallons of our 19 gallon tank! We will be in New Mexico, Idaho, and Tennessee this month. We have many miles ahead of us, and we know God will be with us as we go. Melissa has been battling a cold the past few days, as has Stephen. Please pray for them to recover and stay healthy. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to seeing how God will provide as 2026 rolls on!

Prayer Requests:

- For safety and good health as we have many miles to drive this month.
- That we to continue to find churches able to financially partner with us.
- That we are able to be a blessing and minister to the churches who are willing to have us in.

In Christ,  
*The Whiting Family*

