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Dear Brothers and Sisters at Harvest Baptist,

Bella and I are on home assignment now. We are in San Diego, where we will be living for most of our home assignment. We actually left our house in Parobut in April. We did some traveling on our way back to the States. One of the things we did was to stop at our mission's Bible school in England. We enjoyed our time with all the European missionary candidates. We even met some who are planning to work in our region.

We arrived in the States in Houston. That is about 2 hours from where two of our children live. Our son graciously offered to buy a new car and let us drive it for our 9 months here. In Texas we were able to visit with our three children and their families who live there. We also made a trip up to Camdenton, Missouri where our daughter Cori teaches. We loved visiting with her. While we were there we also had a chance to meet with some men from our tech center to talk about the clean water project we are planning on doing when we get back to Parobut. They had lots of ideas and advice.

In May, we finally loaded in to our borrowed car to head to San Diego. We didn't go alone though. We brought along three of our granddaughters, Liana's children. This month they are splitting time with Bella and I and their other grandparents who also live in San Diego. We have enjoyed having them with us. While they are here, we have taken the opportunity to do an overview of the book of Acts with them. You might think three young girls would be bored by that, but it seems just the opposite is the case. They enjoy studying with me. They have so many questions, that I find that I wish we had more time to talk. It is hard to be so far from our grandchildren, so we really enjoy the times we have together.

Right before we left Parobut there were some major problems between some of our leadership candidates. Two of them are father in law- son in law. The son in law had made some promises to his father in law and then didn't follow through. I would love to say that when we left everything was great. We were able to help them work through the problem between the two of them. But the son in law has some deep-seated entitlement attitudes. He is very bad at handling money, and yet all we hear him saying is that the church is not helping his family like they should, and even God has let him down. We are praying for him pretty much every day. He needs to take responsibility for his own choices. When we left, he still was blaming everyone else for his debt. He is the most gifted teacher in the church. Please be praying for him. His name is Damin.

The last time we went on home assignment, the church in Parobut didn't do very well. So, before we left this time, we talked a good deal about this. We stressed working in unity, and not tearing each other down (a favorite pastime of some, I am afraid). They all seemed to agree to what the Word was saying, but we will have to wait to see if they work it out in their daily lives. We would very much appreciate your prayers for the believers in Parobut.

For those of you here in the States, we would love to see you while we are here. Our phone numbers are: 409 202-1348 for Paul and 409 293-5258 for Bella. Neither of us are really phone people like most folks in the States. So please be patient with us if we don't see a text, or if we miss your call because we left our phones at home while we were out. If that happens, please understand that we are NOT ignoring you. We are just a couple of old people who are used to living in the jungle.

Thank you very much for your prayers, and for the \$100 that you sent to us in April and May.

In Christ,

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