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Happy December! This is the month when we celebrate our precious Savior's birth. How glorious that He came to earth with the express purpose of providing salvation. May that be uppermost in our minds as we journey through this month.

November passed in a blur, it seems. We are so grateful that we were able to minister in three churches in November.



November 4th, we were with Pastor and Mrs. Matt Postiff in Ann Arbor, MI. The people at Fellowship Bible Church were warm and welcoming. They were ready to visit and imparted much encouragement, advice and tips. We appreciated their help and are working on incorporating some of their ideas.

November 11th, we ministered at First Baptist Church in Brayton, IA. It was great to reconnect with Pastor and Mrs. Inman, who had previously been members of our home church in Ankeny. It was a blessing to visit and fellowship during a special birthday dinner for a man in the church. Steve had fun connecting with a boy that he had met at camp.

November 16-18, we were privileged to be a part of the Mission Conference at Indianola Regular Baptist Church in Indianola, IA. We felt honored to be included in the conference with a veteran missionary family and a field representative who is a third generation missionary. What wonderful advice and wisdom were gleaned while there. It is fun to learn what a small world this really is as we meet people who know people whom we know.

November 25th, we were not scheduled to present our ministry anywhere. What a wonderful God, that He would time things in such a way. Dave got sick Saturday evening and pretty much stayed in bed through Monday. He didn't miss any work, and we didn't need to be driving anywhere that weekend. So thankful.

We are also thankful for technology. On Thanksgiving, we were able to Skype with both Rose (in CT), and with Doug (in VA). What a blessing to be able to communicate with family somewhat face-to-face. Dave has also been using Skype this month to interact with missionaries in Argentina and Chile. This is going to help greatly in the ongoing process of preparation work for the Bible College. He is going to strive to have these Skype meetings on a regular basis.

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We are thankful for where we live. What a blessing to be able to connect with those who are vitally involved in the ministry of Faith Baptist Bible College which is in our town (and is Patti's alma mater). Dave is spending much time gleaning information that will assist in the planning and implementing of the school in Argentina. Even though we are not yet on the field, there is much to learn, work on, plan and prepare before we even step foot in Argentina. We are so grateful for this time and the opportunities afforded to us.

PRAISES:

- ***Many of our praises are listed above
- ***Continued functioning of our van
- ***Doug finishing this phase of training and moving to Norfolk, VA, next week
- ***Rose being kept safe during Hurricane Sandy and the storm that followed shortly after
- ***The gift of eyeglasses for our family

PRAYER:

- ***Meetings for next summer and fall
- ***Continued functioning of our van (needs some work)
- ***Safety while traveling
- ***Good health (Dave, Mike & Steve just finished a bout with the flu)

MEETINGS:

- December 2 – Norwoodville Baptist Church - Des Moines, IA
- December 9 – Athens Bible Church – The Plains, OH

Thank you for standing with us in prayer,

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