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I THINK spring has finally made it to Ankeny, IA! It is wonderful to see leaves on the trees and tulips showing their happy faces. 'Tis the season of change and of growing things. We are also going through changes, as well as growing in the Lord. We had a fantastic April with safe journeys, sweet fellowship, and happy events.



The weekend of April 7, we drove up to Troy, MI, where we ministered with Pastor & Mrs. Harding at First Baptist Church. It was a wonderful time with the Hardings and their church people. Again we are reminded of how small the world is. Thank you to those who came up to us and explained connections. It is always a cool thing to find acquaintances in common. On our way home, we were able to meet up with a couple of other pastors. It was a full, but wonderful, weekend.

April 14th, we were closer to home and so were only gone for the day. Grace Baptist Church in Chariton, IA, welcomed us with warm open arms. What a delightful experience it was to attend that church. Pastor & Mrs. St. Lawrence were bubbling over with joy to the Lord and the joy of new twin grandbabies.

The next weekend we were even closer at Fellowship Baptist Church in Des Moines, IA. What happiness to reconnect with people from Patti's days at Faith Baptist Bible College. It was a refreshing day with Pastor & Mrs. Holub and their church family.

The weekend of the 28th, we were north in Adams, WI, with Pastor & Mrs. Eberly and Faith Baptist Church. Not only did we get to join the church family for the day, but we also got to join in a birthday celebration. How fun! We enjoyed spending the night at Camp Fairwood and looking out at the great expanse of the sky. We read in the Psalms about the stars and the great expanse, and we talk about it and how we have such an awesome Creator, but it was even more stirring to quote Scripture while looking up at the multitudinous lights in the sky.

A huge praise for us: at the beginning of the month we found out that a church has chosen to partner with us by giving regular financial support. We are humbled and grateful. Thank you for your prayers.

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Last month we shared that Rose had come home. We are thankful that she was hired for a part-time job helping to groom animals. We pray that it will work into full-time. She also needs to get another part-time position to meet expenses. Please pray for her to that end.

Douglas has returned to the States from his stint in Cuba. He is glad to be "home." We are looking forward to seeing him when we are on the East Coast.

A biggie this month is that we are moving. Because we are going to be gone for one or more months at a time for the next five months, Dave needs to take a leave of absence from his job at Menards. Due to this situation, it is incumbent upon us to decrease our overhead dramatically, therefore we are moving with Rose into a two-bedroom apartment here in Ankeny. She will be the main person on the lease, and we will all crowd in with her when we are home. Please be in prayer for us as we make this big change. We are downsizing our amount of belongings as well as type of housing. This month will be very busy as we have a full speaking schedule, other appointments, Dave working full-time, moving as we can, and preparing for our first major trip of the next few months. **NEW ADDRESS: PO Box 456, Ankeny, IA 50021**

Praise:

Our first church supporter

Safe travels

Rose has part-time employment

That when Steve broke his foot, he did it on a weekend we were scheduled to be home!

Prayer:

Rose to get an additional position

For our move and transition

That we will be a blessing in our ministry with the churches

That we will be able to more fully fill out our schedule

Individuals and churches to partner with us financially

Our travels (June – Florida, August – California, September/November – New England and Ohio)

Meetings:

May 12 – First Baptist Church, Eldora, IA

May 19 – First Baptist Church, Kiel, WI

May 26 – Bancroft First Baptist Church, Bancroft, WI (A.M.)

-- First Baptist Church, Waupaca, WI (P.M.)

June 2 – Lamont Baptist Church, Lamont, FL (A.M.)

June 3-5 – Annual General Meeting, GMSA, Fort Lauderdale, FL

June 9 – Berea Baptist Church, Palm Harbor, FL

June 12 – Maranatha Baptist Church, Sebring, FL

June 16 – Calvary Baptist Church, Winter Garden, FL

Thank you for standing with us in prayer,

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