



August/September 2016

October 17, 2016

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the deputation road! On August 16th, we packed up our car and pulled out of Lancaster, excited about this next stage of life and ministry! Our first order of business was to rest for a few days after a busy summer on the road with a WCBC tour group. We were thankful to spend some time with my parents in Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada before really hitting the road.

We are also thankful for a very full schedule since hitting the road, with only two services without scheduled meetings. These meetings have taken place in Canada, Minnesota, Louisiana, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio, & New Jersey. In these meetings, we have had the opportunities to preach in services and school chapels, teach Sunday Schools, go soulwinning, sing specials, and Juliana has had the chance to play her violin. We are enjoying the opportunities to minister in each individual church.

Simply put, deputation has been **wonderful** so far. Sure, there have been some challenges along the way (our car was ransacked on our first night on the road!), but on some of our days with longer drives, during the quiet moments in the car, I can't help but think about how thankful I am that the Lord would allow our family the incredible privilege of taking the gospel to New Zealand! Serving Christ with all of your heart, in whatever capacity He desires, is truly the greatest purpose for which one can live.

Financially speaking, the Lord has allowed us to raise **16%** of our needed support in these first two months. We praise Him for His working in this way, and we cannot wait to see how He will continue to work!

Emma has just turned one year old and is handling all of the traveling like a pro. She loves meeting new people and playing with all of the toys in the nurseries she gets to visit.

Here are some specific ways you can pray for us in the coming days:

- Pray for a continual filling of the calendar. Between now and Christmas, we have **4** dates that we are trying to fill.
- Pray for safety on the roads. We have already done 10,000 miles...many more lie ahead.
- Pray for us to be consistent witnesses for Christ as we travel.

We are happy in the service of the King! Thank you for your prayers and support as we prepare to preach the gospel in New Zealand.

Because the love of Christ constrains us,

The Hutchens Family

