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Dear Praying Friends,

What a joy it is to let you know that your prayers for Military Missions are being answered in marvelous ways. In our last letter we let you know of the need we had in the area of workers. It is our pleasure to inform you that the Lord moved on the hearts of the Jeremiah Roper family. In April, we drove to South Carolina in response to their inquiries about Military Ministry. We met with this dear family and their pastor and as a team we each prayed for the Lord's direction in their lives. We left there so excited about the future possibilities. Just a few weeks later the Ropers met with us at our mission headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and they were officially appointed as missionaries to the military serving with Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI). Would you please add this family to your prayer list? Jeremiah just retired from the Air Force after 20 years of dedicated service and he and his wife, Erika, along with their three children, are excited to follow the Lord in this new chapter of their lives.

During a missions conference in Virginia, Bryan again presented the privilege and responsibility we have in serving our Lord with our lives in the area of missions. The Lord worked in the hearts of the congregation and dozens were moved to surrender their hearts and lives to be committed to serving our Lord, however He chooses. It is exciting to see young and old alike humbly kneel in prayer and dedication to our good and faithful God.

This summer we have been busy at the World Mission Headquarters with two separate weeks of training candidates and potential candidates for missionary service. There is no way to convey the excitement in the air during these weeks. To be able to rub shoulders with others like-minded for the cause of Christ is just the joy of our hearts. 2 Timothy 2:2 is being fulfilled and it is amazing.

Another answer to prayer came in the health of Kris' mom. While she is still in the cancer treatment process, she just successfully came through a radical surgery this week. We have been overwhelmed by the concern and prayer support that have been extended on her behalf. Please continue to pray as we await the pathology results and then the next steps in her treatment (further chemotherapy, radiation or a combination of these options). God has been so faithful to sustain both of her parents, as well as Kris' sisters and families through this exhausting journey. Certainly this is not a path we would have chosen for our loved one, but it is such a comfort to our hearts to know the goodness of our Heavenly Father, even in this. Sometimes we cannot trace His hand, but we can ALWAYS trust His heart.

We look forward to the potential of international travel in the fall! Please pray for the borders to be open so that we can continue to spread the work of Christ to our servicemen and women around the world.

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