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Dear Friends and Co-laborers:

Hello once again from the "North Country". Summer has been a very busy time for us and we praise the Lord that we get the privilege of serving HIM.

The summer started with me being able to take a few weeks and visit not only a few of our supporting churches but to be in new works as well. I plan on visiting some more in the coming year. It is hard to get away and leave a ministry that is not ready for a full time pastor, but right now we have a young man filling in for me that is in training to take over the ministry one day. You folks have told me what a blessing it was to see and hear what your mission's dollars are doing here in Manitoba, Canada. For us, it was a blessing to see those of you who have supported us for many years, some from the very beginning of our missionary ministry.

We were in a pizza place a few weeks ago and ran into a man that was saved under our ministry in Germany. We recognized each other almost immediately. What a joy it was to hear that he and his family are still active and faithful in their local church. We as missionaries receive such a joy to see people still being faithful over the years, because so many quit, let their standards down, or compromise. We appreciate you, pastors, that are keeping on year after year knowing that our Savior is coming soon. Thank you for your faithfulness.

In June, we were part of the Can-Am Baptist Missions here in Winkler, Manitoba. This is a training school for missionaries. We met several new couples that are on deputation or furlough. Their excitement was contagious and a blessing to us to see the next generation of missionaries excited about what God has called them to do.

Next, our VBS took place in July and we were thrilled to see youngsters excited about coming and participating in the program. We had two children saved and we praise the Lord for this.

Carman Community Baptist Church is growing and we average in the 45 - 50s now and the spirit is great. We have seen growth in our people wanting to do a work for God.

The community that we live in, Roland, Manitoba, is a small urban community. God is working and using us to reach out to our neighbors. Both of the houses on each side of us have befriended Kathy and she has been able to witness to them. One said that she wants to come to church with her on Sundays. Pray for her. Her name is Kelly, and she is having marriage problems. Irene and Don are open, but not saved. In addition, we have been able to reach a young couple, Rod and Irina, and they now come to church, are faithful, and are serving wherever we need them. Pray for them, their first baby is due in a few months.

Some have called and have asked about my knee surgery. The doctor told me that it is a torn ligament and bone fragment. The surgery, hopefully, will be in September. He said that I would have to limit my walking on it for a few weeks after surgery, but everything looks promising to be a complete healing. Please pray that the surgery will be done in September with no delays.

College starts up in September, I will be teaching Practical Missions and the Minor Prophets. It is a privilege to be part of the training of men and women who feel called to full time service.

We want to thank each of you for your prayers, support, love, friendship, and faithfulness. Without you, we could not stay on the field. May God continue to bless you.

Serving Him Until He Returns,

