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Dear Pastor and Church,

“The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.” Psalm 116:6

What a wonderful verse for the Christian, and especially the Independent Baptist missionary home on furlough! Seems like I am claiming it on a weekly, if not daily basis! Since our last letter we have made several trips. One in particular stands out. As we were driving through northern Wyoming we saw some beautiful countryside. We were admiring a particularly breathtaking drive through a steep mountain pass when we heard a THUD on the roof of our car. When I was able to pull over I found that a rock had hit the roof of our car and landed right in the center of our sun roof! This rock smashed a hole about the size of a football in the glass. We praise the LORD that we did NOT have the sun roof open as we would have had shards of glass all over the interior of the car. Also, if the rock had hit our windshield rather than just a foot or so back, it might have come through and hit Debbie or myself and caused serious if not fatal wounds. As it was, we did have to put up with a hole in the roof and tremendous wind noise for the next few weeks until I was able to be in one place long enough for them to order in a used replacement glass. We sure looked funny driving around with a big piece of plastic taped on the roof of our car (isn't duck tape wonderful!) but it got us home and kept the rain and snow out. The next time I see a sign warning to WATCH FOR FALLING ROCK, I will believe it!

As mentioned, since our last letter we have been on the road almost constantly. We have been in New Mexico, Texas, Montana, Idaho, Missouri, Oklahoma, Michigan, Ohio, and Illinois. We have, of course, driven through several other states also, but these are the ones I was preaching in.

None of our family had ever been to the Grand Canyon, and that was one of our desires on this furlough. I was able to make it a reality when we drove over from New Mexico and spent three days at the Canyon. It was absolutely amazing. I am not sure how anyone can see such a place and not understand that there is a great and powerful God.

I also preached at a Conference in Michigan as well as in some new churches there. In between services we were able to see my parents, and my brother and his wife for a few days. Please pray for their health. My sister-in-law has kidney failure and needs a transplant, and my mother has diabetes and other complications.

I trust you can see that we have been so busy that I have not had time to get out a letter. Some of you probably think that I have not written sooner because of my threat to keep giving my weight. For those who missed it, in my last letter I admitted that I have gained WAY too much weight since the start of this furlough. Not sure why that is. All I do is drive and preach and eat, and eat, and eat. When we arrived in the States I weighed 170 pounds, and I want to get back to that weight. Sadly, I am going the wrong way, and weighed in this morning at 203. I may have to get back to Australia before getting back down where I need to be.

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In His service,



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II Thess. 3:1