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Dear Family and Friends,

We lift our eyes to the hills – where does our help come from? Our help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let our feet slip – He who watches over us will not slumber! (Ps. 121:1-2) What an amazing truth!! The year 2012 has been replete with the Lord's marvelous work. It is our tradition in January to reflect on what our eyes have seen, our ears have heard, and even what our hearts have felt throughout the past year. Yes, we have seen many trials, but more importantly, we have experienced our Victor. We are not ignorant of the fact that we are at war spiritually; however, our Lord is ever faithful and merciful. As the psalmist's words truly exclaim: "The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him and trust in His mercy!" (Psalm 147:11)

It has been such a privilege to serve in Ankara over the past 5 years, yet it is a bitter-sweet feeling we have as we prepare for our upcoming furlough – How great it is to think about coming back to the U.S. and seeing all our family and friends again, but it's difficult for us to think about leaving our family in Christ, here in Turkey, for 15 months.

We would like to share with you some amazing highlights of this past year: Altin and Ozer, Soner and Hitit, Nice, Selma and Zeren gave themselves to the Lord and He is still bringing new people to us every week! We had two Christmas celebrations this year; one at our home with just our own fellowship (40 people attended) and one at a local hotel where our fellowship joined with three other groups to celebrate the birth of our Lord (103 people attended). At both celebrations, the truth of the Gospel was proclaimed and Christ's love was shown to all. The following week, we had our annual all night "Pray in the New Year" celebration! It was a blessed time of worshiping the Lord through song, praising Him for the wonderful things He has done and shown us, and bringing our requests and burdens to Him together as a Body – looking forward to what He will do in 2013 to display for us His splendor! We prayed for each other's spiritual growth, our growth in numbers, and our purity as a body of believers, in faith, knowing He hears our prayers and cares for us.

Now, as if that is not enough, as we enter into the 2013, we have seen God immediately answering our prayers for an affordable, central place to meet in the downtown area. Moreover, as an answer to our prayers for more women to join our fellowship, He has miraculously brought two believing ladies who have not had any fellowship/discipleship for 9 years, in contact with us. They have now joyfully joined us and have been a tremendous delight. We have so much to be thankful for and to praise God for every single day!

With all of the good work we see our Father doing, it shouldn't surprise us when we come face to face with hardships brought on by the work of our enemy. It seems that because we are not ignorant of the enemy's tactics, he often resorts to attacking our physical bodies. Angela has had trouble breathing and actually passing out on a daily basis for a while now. She has been back and forth to the doctors here in Turkey, with no relief. Finally, by God's grace, our insurance allowed us to fly to London to see a Pediatric Gastroenterologist and an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor to evaluate and give a proper diagnosis as to what was causing her airway to shut completely. We are so thankful! She is now being treated properly and has gone a record 3 weeks without passing out! Praise God. Please pray for complete healing, as she is still going through treatment. We must return to London in June/July prior to coming back to the States where the doctor will evaluate whether or not she will require surgery. Also, in August, Karyn fell and broke 3 bones in her foot and is still experiencing a lot of pain. Please pray with us for God to give us discernment as to how to proceed in this situation.

Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – To the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

SEE YOU ALL SOON!!! =)

In His grace and for His glory,
Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua and Angela Cavon

Prayers and Praises:

- Praise God with the angels in heaven for 4 new brothers and sisters Nice, Hitit, Selma and Zeren this last month!! May they grow in their love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ!
- Praise God for provision for a new meeting place!
- Praise God for a proper diagnosis and treatment for Angela in London and for our insurance company!
- Praise God for our time together as a local body at our annual all night prayer/worship on New Year's Eve – it was such a blessing for everyone!
- Pray for complete healing of Angela and for her endurance of her dietary changes and medicines.
- Pray Karyn's foot to heal completely. May the Lord give us wisdom and discernment on how to proceed as it is not improving and still very painful.
- Pray for Eren to thirst after God's word and see the importance of meeting together as believers. Pray for his marriage, that his wife's heart would soften to truth.
- Pray Kemal will grow in the love and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and that he would quickly root out pride as it creeps into his life.
- Pray for Sinan to desire to strengthen his relationship with the Lord and live a life of purity before men and God.
- Pray for Cemal who has recently suffered a massive stroke. Praise God for softening his heart through this difficult trial. May He speak to Cemal, Semer, and Batu through this trial. May they realize the necessity of seeking after truth and not keep "putting it off until later."
- Pray for Sait to continue to grow in loving his enemies and sharing Christ with others.
- Pray for Metin to have the desire to do all things as unto the Lord.
- Pray for the many friends that we are sharing with who have come via the Internet, especially Kadir who seems especially close. May he see that Christ's blood is able to cover any and all sins we have committed no matter how bad. May God use us to draw them to Himself.
- Pray for Nazik to seek God with her whole heart as she reads through His word with Karyn.
- Pray for guidance as we plan for the future of our current team and our furlough.
- Pray for us to have walks worthy of our calling.

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