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Dear Family and Friends,

Our God will meet all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19). We have found this verse to be so true and such an amazing comfort to us. Through the trials that we faced in Turkey with police harassment, hostility toward us from our neighbors and others within our city, and Angela's severe medical problems, we experienced God to be just what He promised in His word – our Rock, our Shield, our Help in time of need, our Great Physician, our Father, and our Wonderful Counselor and Comforter. Let us never forget what a great and mighty God we serve.

As we write you this letter, we realize that we have only about one more month here, thus it is the last one we will be writing here in the U.S. We wish that we could have greeted each of you in person and have told you what a dear place you hold in our hearts, how your presence is missed by us, and how we are comforted by the fact that we are knit together by His Spirit and that we praise our God every time we think of you. Your prayers, encouragement, and generous giving to the Lord's work are vital to this ministry and so appreciated by us; thank you from the bottoms of our hearts for your faithfulness to God's calling and for partnering with us in this ministry for His glory. The Lord, in His word, says that we are His holy temple, built together stone by stone, each of us serving our special purpose in His elaborate plan. We praise God for His wisdom and kindness for this plan.

The last time we were leaving the States, we had a list of requests that many of you labored in prayer with us to which God answered so gracefully. We asked for good transitions as we moved into the country – the boys were in Turkish School on day 2 of our first term in Turkey with no tears or complaints and received all high marks on their report cards that year; praise be to God! We asked for safety in travel and smooth guidance through customs and visa purchase – none of our flights were delayed, none of our luggage was lost, and we applied for and received 1-year tourist visas for our whole family; praise be to God! We asked for good friends, for both us and the children, and that the Lord would give us boldness and opportunity to share His good news of salvation to the Turks – God provided some wonderful friends and we had the privilege of sharing our lives and God's word with many Turks who had never seen a Christian life or heard the Gospel ever before; praise be to God! The Lord blessed us with a sweet little daughter, Angela, who after nine months of healthy life became severely ill, began seizing uncontrollably for hours, rushed to the hospital 2 hours away, slipped into a coma for 5 days and the Lord graciously delivered her from the initial trial. It was a burden that we would bear with her for a year and a half. Five times, Angela would go through this same cycle of illness and hospitalization, plus being sent to every specialist in the US that related to any symptoms in order to solve the mystery of why she was so ill. We all cried out to the Lord together and He answered our prayer. On May 16, 2008, Angela went in for a final follow-up MRI on both her brain and sinuses, as well as a final neurological examination by her neurologist. The final diagnosis was that she contracted a severe, bacterial infection in her sinuses. Her nasal sinuses were impacted and full of infection and when the infection grew it moved into her brain lining and other organs of her body, which caused the seizures, organ shut-down, and finally a coma to occur. During these times, she was given antibiotics for 7 days which would bring down the infection, but not kill it completely, hence the reoccurrence of this same cycle 4 more times. She was finally seen by the Mayo Clinic Infectious Disease Department where they discovered, by doing a sinus Cat Scan, that her sinuses were extremely infected. She was then put on double strength Augmentin for 40 days and was finally rid of this horrible trial. She has now been healthy and seizure free for well over a year, she's talking, she's in the 95th percentile for height, and is such a blessing to our whole family; praise be to God!

This whole letter was written in order that you would understand our view of you and be encouraged by knowing how God is using your labors with us. You are so precious to us, and such a gift from God. When we were first called to full-time missions, the Lord spoke to us through His word. We realized that He was taking us out of our land, to a land we did not know, to a language we did not know, and a culture we did not know, so that we would be a light unto this oppressed people. We were willing to follow His call by going, and you were willing to follow His call by partnering with us here. Please know that you are continually in our prayers in thanksgiving to our God. Please pray again that we may we again have safe passage back to Turkey and may our light shine brightly before them so that they may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven (Mt. 5:16). May you be abundantly and continually blessed by God, and hold fast to the faith, always pressing on toward the goal. Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ.

For the joy that is set before us,

Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua, and Angela

Praises and Prayers:

- ◆ Praise God for lots of wonderful opportunities to share the work in Turkey with the Body.
- ◆ Praise God for another excellent year of school for Jacob and Joshua.
- ◆ Praise God for fruitful partnerships with us in our ministry to Muslim Turks.
- ◆ Praise God for good health and safe traveling.
- ◆ Praise God for fanning the flame in our hearts to go and offer God's gift of life to Turks.
- ◆ Praise God for all who are and will be partnering with us in this ministry.

- ◆ Pray that we would have walks worthy of His calling.
- ◆ Pray for endurance to complete the tasks He has for us here stateside.
- ◆ Pray that God would continue to keep Angela and all of us in good health, both spiritually and physically.
- ◆ Pray that hearts would be stirred by His Spirit to partner faithfully with us in this ministry both through prayer and giving.
- ◆ Pray for all our financial needs to be met.
- ◆ Pray that the Lord would bring us back to Turkey in July of 2008.

Update from the Field.....

The Christian Bookstore in Ankara has been in operation since 2001, and has truly been a light unto that region of the world. It has been not only a store which carries Christian books, but also a meeting place for believers and place of gathering for seminars geared toward introducing nationals to who the God of the Bible is and why He sent Jesus into this world. It was recently sold to some Korean brothers who desired to continue the ministry, but were met with much opposition by the government and tenants; just another tool the enemy uses to discourage the Lord's work. By God's grace and much fervent prayer, the bookstore is again open for business! Praise be to the God of heaven, Who's plans cannot be thwarted! Please continue to pray that its doors will be able to remain open and that God would provide opportunities for the new owners to share the Gospel with all who enter in through them.

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