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Dear Family and Friends,

As we write this letter, the world around us continues to become more rife with chaos, pain, panic, and unease. From the west we hear nothing but stories of scandal, slander, perversions, and discontentment. The national elections just took place here and many are displeased with the results; problems are multiplying and becoming more complex. People want change: a change back to former, "better" times; a change towards future, more modern thinking; a change in economic stability; some just plain want change. Indeed we are living in interesting times. Our God promises us stability in Him, however. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow." (Heb 13:8) When Peter was walking on water to Jesus, he took his eyes off the Lord and immediately began to sink. When he cried out to Jesus for help, again He was faithful and rescued him. Let's praise God together that He is always faithful and that he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. (Heb 7:25-26)

We've been back in country for about 2 months now and have hit the ground running. We had left a group of men in charge of the church while we were gone and they did an amazing job assembling the group regularly to worship and have fellowship together – PTL. Last week we went to the river for baptisms of 5 brothers and sisters that gave their testimonies and followed Jesus' command to be baptized. This is unquestionably our favorite time, hearing how God so graciously and uniquely works in individual lives and seeing former rebels worshiping God with their whole hearts, to the extent that they publicly proclaim His wondrous works and their willing submission to Him.

Nearing the end of summer, we are planning a church retreat in order to build up our unity and love for one another. This is such an important part of being church, so we would appreciate your prayers that all could come and that we would grow as one Body through this time together. Jesus said, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (John 17:20-23) What a beautiful promise – when we are in unity with our brothers and sisters, the world will see and know that God sent His son and loves us. May we continually press on with that goal in mind.

Finally, we would appreciate your prayers for Angela's continued health. We had to increase her medications and change her rescue drugs. It seems to have solved the crisis. May the Lord give her lasting and abiding health and peace through Him.

Joyfully serving for His glory,
Joe, Karyn and Angela Cavon

Praises and Prayers:

- Praise God all have a 2 year residency permit as a family. Pray for us to be able to obtain citizenship in 3 more years from now.
- Praise God our trip to America went well. Josh and Naomi are happily married, Jacob graduated from MSU with highest honors and numerous accolades, Angela's check-up at Mayo Clinic went well.
- Praise God AHT continued meeting and fellowshipping while we were gone.
- Praise God for Enver who continues to grow in Christ and put Him first in his life despite the difficult trials he has faced since coming to faith.
- Praise God for our new brother in Christ, Volkan!!! May he continue to grow in His love.
- Pray for our short termer, Fred. May the Lord use him while he is here and bring him back long term.
- Pray for the English Sit – it is the first time we are running it during the summer. May it yield much fruit.
- Pray for Jake, Josh, and Naomi. May the Lord reveal Himself to them in very personal and abundant ways and may they put into practice what they have heard and seen in our lives and God's word.
- Pray for Angela to grow in the Lord, both in her love and obedience of Him.
- Pray for our new friend, Sivel and her son, Ahmet. She recently lost her husband and they are struggling spiritually. May He reveal Himself to both her and her son who is very against Christianity.
- Pray for the 6 ladies who attend the art outreach. May the Lord reveal Himself to them.
- Pray for Gul who is seeking and reading. May they seek Him with their whole hearts and find Him.
- Pray for Hatice who is currently in a one on one Bible study with Karyn. May God draw her to Himself.
- Pray for Safir and Candan who are currently seeking truth. May they come to know who is the one and only true God and thereby obtain eternal life!
- Pray for unity among our brothers and sisters; may we all think of others before ourselves.
- Pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance as we plan regular activities at the center. May many people be drawn to Christ through these efforts.