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Dearly beloved Family and Friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus and warm wishes of a happy Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas and may our beloved Lord Jesus pour out on you His grace and peace in extra measure throughout the year of 2014! It is our prayer that the truth of this holiday season touches each of us deep in our hearts. What a great joy it is to know that our sinless Savior and God set aside his glory at this time of the year and became man so that each and every person could have reconciliation with God through Him and His shed blood on the cross.

When we meditate on this truth, it allows us to capture a better perspective on our circumstances. It is clear that 2013 has brought with it much pain and grief for us. But what a blessing to know that we are not entering into these sufferings alone! What a blessing to know that we have a great High Priest who is, as the prophet Isaiah said, acquainted with sorrow. "Though He was a Son, He learned obedience by the things He suffered." (Hebrews 5:8) And by His holy word, we know that we are never alone and that God, in fact, works all things together for good, for those who love Him, for the called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28). God knows our hurt and our anguish, and we can see His sweet, fatherly hand in the midst of all our sorrows.

It has been quite an adjustment for us, and our family, to be away from our beloved brothers and sisters in Turkey that we used to see and fellowship with on a daily basis. God is so good and kind to have given us this marvelous honor of starting a church in such a closed country as Turkey! This blessing from God causes us to proclaim as Charles Wesley did, "Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees, And looks to God alone; Laughs at impossibilities, And cries it shall be done." Who would have thought that a little family from Bozeman, Montana would see such wondrous works of God done through them in their lifetime? We are still in awe! We praise God for Facebook and Skype, which allows us to keep in touch with them and mutually encourage one another. It has been a joy to see photos of the fellowship we started; to see them growing in their love for one another; to hear how they are growing in their love for the Lord and in their faith; and to hear how they are going to be continuing the holiday traditions that we started with them. They are truly our joy and our crown, which causes our hearts to leap as we hear how they carry on in their faith!

We see God's providential hand in even the timing of this furlough. As some of you may know, Karyn's Dad went to be with the Lord on November 15th. We were passing through California on our way to Texas and Florida for various ministry activities. Karyn and her siblings threw a surprise 50 year Anniversary party for her parents, which was truly a delight for all of us. Less than a week later, Karyn took her father to the doctor due to a little shortness of breath where he was diagnosed with a form of acute leukemia. The Lord took him home only 3 weeks later. We are so thankful to God that Karyn was able to be by his side, serving him and caring for him the entire time. We praise God that Joe was able to organize all the funeral arrangements and officiate the services. What a tragedy for family and friends who loved him so much and will miss him terribly. However, in the midst of this trial, God continued to bless us by taking him home peacefully and giving family and friends time to spend with him before his departure - what a blessing that was! And most glorious of all, our Father continues to give us peace now, knowing that Dad accepted Christ just four years ago - Praise God, we will be with him in eternity...

Finally, our hearts are heavy that our precious little Angela continues to struggle with severe acid reflux/laryngospasms. Although we have put her on strict diets, we have not seen any improvement in her situation. The doctors in Montana have run all the diagnostics that they

could and have now referred her on to Mayo Clinic. We will go with her on January 6th. They have already planned a full week of diagnostics and we are trusting in the Lord that He will grant us all peace. We pray that God would again do a mighty miracle on our child and grant her full healing through the doctors at Mayo. May His perfect will be done.

James says, count it all joy, brethren, when you fall into various trials for this is for the strengthening of your faith. The timeless hymn by Horatio Spafford sings, "Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control... That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed His own blood for my soul!" Truer words cannot be said. The year 2013 brought with it so much pain and loss; however, throughout all these trials, we see our mighty Savior's hand. Praise God that we have been set free from the bondage of sin and reliance on this world and our own power! Let us always remember how good our God is and remember the lengths He goes to in order to "strongly support those whose heart is completely His," (2 Chronicles 16:9). Let us together make a joyful noise and praise our mighty God for the lengths He goes to for each and every one of us! Magnify, oh magnify, Christ Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords! Merry Christmas to you all!!!

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

Prayers and Praises:

- Praise God for His peace that passes all understanding.
- Praise God that we were able to be stateside and by Karyn's Dad's side throughout his journey "home."
- Praise God for continued spiritual maturity in the believers of Ankara Hope Church.
- Praise God Serpil's pregnancy and delivery was healthy and her living situation is better.
- Pray for a great Christmas program for Ankara Hope Church, that the believers would be edified and the truth of Christmas and the Gospel would be clearly shared to all attending.
- Pray for Ester who is struggling with depression since we left Turkey.
- Pray we would be able to find time for some rest and healthy grieving.
- Pray for Karyn's mother to be able to grieve well and cope with the loss of her husband of 50 years. May this time draw her close to God.
- Pray for the doctors at Mayo Clinic to be able to find a solution to what is causing Angela's reflux/laryngo spasms. May the Lord grant her complete healing.
- Please pray for God to provide for all our needs.
- Pray for the children to be able to quickly catch up on all their schoolwork.
- Pray for each of us to have grateful hearts each day.

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