

Dear Family and Friends,

“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things.” (Phil 4:8) At times such as these, is it any wonder why Paul encourages us to train our minds to do this? It is so easy to fall into the trap of dwelling on things that are unholy, ugly, or untrue. Suicide bombers, fighting politicians working more to fulfill their own desires than to protect and serve their constituents, senseless killings and violence, broken homes, and the list goes on and on and on. In the midst of all this, where is God? It is important to ask ourselves, is He still the same sovereign King who has called us to love and trust Him with our whole hearts, who tells us to take up our cross daily and follow Him, and who says to give ourselves sacrificially, thinking not only to our own best interests but the interests of others? The final days of our Lord Jesus were tumultuous times indeed, yet what was His response? Jesus said, “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.” (Jn 15:13)

Our hearts are bursting with joy that God has counted us worthy to carry His Good News to the lost souls in Turkey. After seemingly never ending suffering endured by our lovely daughter, Angela, God has delivered her and healed her body so that we can return to the work that God has called us to in Turkey! She enjoyed a full school year at Heritage Christian School with great health. We are forever grateful for the loving, godly staff there who were so helpful and encouraging to us during our time here in the states. Last week we returned from our final check-up at the Mayo Clinic. Our adventure began with our housing arrangements falling through on the evening we arrived, at about 9:30pm. We were forced to quickly find a reasonable hotel room close to the facility; meanwhile, Angela was supposed to have a “good night's sleep” and be at the hospital at 6:45am to begin 7 straight hours of academic testing. The following evening, she was to be sleep deprived and return to the hospital, again at 6:45am, for an EEG and all day testing and doctor appointments. That evening we were instructed to keep her awake until 1am so that she would be tired. At 5am that morning, we were suddenly awakened by the hotel's fire alarm system! It turned out to be a false alarm, for which we praise God, and it was successful in getting our blood pumping and awake for that day's testing! Our God truly works in mysterious ways! She endured 48 hours of intense probing and prodding by various doctors and has been given a clean bill of health and clearance to return to Turkey!

There are a few steps to be taken as we begin the journey back. We will leave Montana July, 10, 2016, with the dog, Bette Davis, for a week long conference at the Christar Home Office, then travel to Southern California to visit one supporting church and two prospective churches. We pray that God would use us to effectively share this ministry with these churches and that they would be willing to partner with us both prayerfully and financially. Finally, our departure will be out of LAX to our final destination of Ankara, Turkey. Accordingly, our son Jacob will be leaving the same airport for Japan while Joshua returns to Bozeman for his first year at MSU. Even though Bette is a registered service dog, she is still required to be USDA approved prior to traveling. Pray for all the paperwork to go through smoothly.

Thank you to all of you who have been praying so faithfully for us. God has granted us peace of mind in leaving our second son alone for the first time and newly entering college. By God's grace, we have found a trustworthy roommate that he is very pleased to be sharing the house with! We are also so thankful for the young man's parents who will be able to frequently check in on them and make sure they are doing well. It is such a load off our minds! Praise be to God our Father for His faithful guidance. May He continue to use each and every one of us for His glory as we look forward to His appearing! Grace and peace be with you all.

Your co-laborers in Christ,
Joe, Karyn, Jacob, Joshua, and Angela Cavan

Praises and Prayers:

Praise God for sweet fellowship and support while we have been stateside. Pray the Lord will go before us and prepare hearts of the Turks to receive His word. May the Lord bless our works to His glory and grant us much fruit from our labor.

Praise God for His healing Angela and for her health clearance from Mayo doctors!

Praise God Jake, Josh, and Angela finished the school year off well!

Praise the Lord for both new and old faithful, fruitful partnerships in the ministry.

Praise God for providing for us to return to ministry in Turkey.

Praise the Lord for sovereignly guiding us to like-minded churches and individuals whom He has appointed to partner with us in this ministry.

Pray for healthy goodbyes as we leave Bozeman on July 10th.

Pray for all the USDA paperwork to be in order and smooth traveling with the service dog.

Pray for our visas to Turkey to be easily obtained.

Pray for God to provide for all of our physical, spiritual and financial needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus as we finish up our stay here stateside.

Pray for smooth and godly transitions as Joe, Karyn, and Angela return to Turkey, Joshua begins his first year at MSU, and Jacob spends fall semester in Japan.

Pray for traveling mercies for Joe, Karyn, Angela, and the dog domestically and internationally to Turkey; for Jacob to CA and Japan; and for Joshua to and from CA. Please pray for Jake and Josh who leave on the 14th and have to spend the night in the airport while traveling to CA from MT. May the Lord keep them safe and give them extra energy to endure 13 hours of travel one way! (There are certain hoops one must jump through in order to obtain so-called “free” tickets ;))

Pray for our language to quickly return to its former fluency.

Pray for a sweet reunion with our dearly missed brothers and sisters at Ankara Hope Church, as well as with our teammates!