

Dear Family and Friends,

What a blessing and privilege it is to serve our Lord here, in one of the most least-reached and forgotten countries in the world for the Gospel. It is hard to believe that we have been back for just over a year. This past year we have been able to share Christ and the good news of His gospel with many people and some have claimed His promise of salvation! Seeing a lost, sinful, rebellious person be changed by the power of the Holy Spirit never ever loses its thrill and beauty! This past month has been exhausting both physically and emotionally. Bureaucracy and fixing broken, improperly rigged wiring and construction is draining. As we sweat in our spirits maneuvering through lies told to us and bureaucratic red-tape, and in our bodies as we sand, paint, scrub, and make repairs, we continually remind ourselves that it is all worth it! We are reminded of the glimpse into heaven that we see – the glorious image of what will soon be our reality - “And they sang a new song: you are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slaughtered, and You redeemed people for God by Your blood from every tribe and language and people and nation. You made them a kingdom and priests to our God and they will reign on the earth.” Imagine how gloriously spectacular that is going to be. When we try to imagine what it is going to feel like, being in His glorious presence with all the other saints, some of which we had the privilege of leading to Christ, we have confidence that we will say to one another, I knew it was worth it all! We will say as Paul did, all that I gave up, all the pain and loss suffered, all the toil, it was nothing compared to what we are experiencing now!

Thank you all for praying so faithfully for us and for the Lord's guidance as we press forward toward that upward call! All praise be to God for His provision of a space to rent. It was formerly used as a restaurant, which means that it has a big open space and a large, full kitchen. These were two priorities in our search. It is quite a fixer-upper, but it has been such a blessing to see our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ joyfully pitching in to help and make this a warm and welcoming place for ministry. We estimated it would take about a month to make the center functional. Well, things are taking slightly longer than we had anticipated, especially since we had forgotten about the upcoming sacrifice holiday which was extended from a 4-day holiday to a 10-day holiday. However, we are hoping that within the next 2 weeks it will be completely ready. Our inspiration to press on comes from the Lord as we cling to promises such as from 2 Corinthians 9:6 which states, “The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart – not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work.” We look forward with great anticipation, praise, and prayer to our Lord Jesus for this great opportunity to see more and more lost and hurting souls be made whole again through Him.

Despite the setbacks, we were able to get enough repairs done at the center in order to hold our first function – a BBQ for the church! During these non-Christian holidays, it is nice to give options for our brothers and sisters to participate in, which do not give credence to these rituals that point them back to their old selves and falsity. We praised God together for His provision of this space, for the bountiful blessings He so graciously pours out on us, and for His Spirit that He has put within each one of His children which gives us such sweet fellowship with one another.

May the Lord give us increased energy, skill, and endurance to finish this project by September 19th, and may He give us wisdom as we plan our ministry schedule for the rest of the year. It is so exciting to share that the Lord of the Harvest is sending us a wonderful young lady, who is a former student of Montana Bible College, to labor with us in this ministry. Her name is Abby and will be working alongside us with great enthusiasm! She arrives on the 21st of September and will be staying with us until the end of Spring in 2018. We are so thrilled to have her joining our team and we would appreciate it if you too would pray for her as she travels and transitions into the ministry here.

Finally, please join us in praising the Lord for bringing our son, Josh, a wonderful, godly young lady to be his helpmeet! They are officially engaged to be married and we could not be more thrilled! Our hearts are overflowing with joy as we thank you all so much for being a part of our lives and this ministry, and for all your love, faithful prayers, and generous giving to the Lord's work. Now to Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you FAULTLESS before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.

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

Praises and Prayers:

- Praise God for Josh and Naomi's engagement! May they continue to live pure and holy lives before our God.
- Praise God we were able to host our first function in the center despite the fact that it is not yet fully ready for use – it was a great blessing to all who attended!
- Praise God for Guven, Sema, and Selma's hard work and help to get the center open.
- Pray for endurance and energy to finish up all that needs to be done at the center in order to begin ministry there. Particularly, pray our natural gas lines would pass inspection so that we can install our stove/oven.
- Praise God for a good start in school for both Jacob and Angela.
- Praise God Josh was able to find new work. Pray for the Lord's clear guidance as he makes plans and decisions for his future.
- Pray for Naomi to have clear guidance as she also plans for her future.
- Pray for Abby who will be joining us this month to help with the ministry and consider a long term career here.
- Praise God Fatin has returned from his overseas adventure. Pray that God would draw illuminate the scriptures for him and he would take that step of faith and put his trust in Jesus.
- Pray for Aydin to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord. Pray that he faithfully takes steps to read and study God's Word on a regular basis.
- Pray for Hakeem who has made a proclamation of faith but is overcome by fear and not meeting with the Body. May he understand who he is in Christ and understand his need to join and function as the body of Christ.
- Pray for energy and good time management as we balance our meetings with team, seekers, disciples, and corporate worship.
- Pray for Bulut who loves to discuss Christianity but has yet to take the step of faith to give his life to Christ. May God grant him the faith to believe in Him.
- Pray for Melek to seek God first in all that she does. May she see her relationship with God as a priority in her life.
- Pray for Mukkerren to be drawn by His Spirit to God.
- Pray for Kamil who is seeking truth. May God toss aside any barriers that keep him from meeting with Joe to read from the Word and come to know Christ.
- Pray for Firat to continue seeking truth and to find God through a relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for Selma to have peace and contentment as she continues to struggle financially. Pray that her son would be sensitive to their struggles and not pressure her to spend unwisely. Praise God for the amount of income He is providing.
- Pray for wisdom and the Lord's guidance as we plan activities at the center.
- Pray for God to keep us from evil people who mean to do us harm.

Pray for everything we say and do to be flavored with grace and Christ's love.