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Dearest Partners in Ministry

Where do I begin, it has been a couple months since our last letter, and those months were crazy, hectic and busy. Let me begin by saying that we took a record number of youth to camp this past summer. For a number of them it was their first time at Camp and they are anxiously awaiting next year. We taught them American Football. Our team had a big advantage in that we had quarterbacks that knew how to throw the football. The preaching was good, and we saw 2 of our young people come to Christ for salvation. They were new to our church, in fact they had only been to church 1 Sunday before camp. They have been very faithful since camp.

After Camp we had a baptismal service and I had the privilege of baptizing 5 the Sunday before we flew out to Kansas City for furlough. The Month before we flew out for furlough, our lowest attendance at church was 122 and our highest was 167. We are averaging around 140 on a regular basis.

August 1st we flew to Kansas City, picked up a vehicle from BMTM (Baptist Missionary Transportation Ministry) and immediately headed for Canada. Our time in Canada was very busy, between visiting family members and churches that support us, and visiting with friends and family from the church we started in Alliston, ON. We had the privilege to preach at Lighthouse Baptist Church again. What a blessing to be there, to see the church growing, to see many familiar faces and many new faces as well. Pastor Gary Driedger is doing a fine job there. They treated us like royalty, it was an emotional day, reminiscing about old times and rejoicing about what has been happening.

I had the privilege of preaching at Camp Yes while in Canada. I preached the 7 - 9 year olds. I thought it was going to be difficult

given that their attention span is somewhat short. But I thoroughly enjoyed it, there were a number of decisions for salvation made and other decisions as well.

I believe we had appointments every day while we were in Canada. August was too busy. From Canada we headed to Ada



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Oklahoma for my sister-in-law Gloria's wedding. We arrived in Ada a week in advance, that week was busy helping plan, prepare and decorate. September 10 was the wedding day. I had taken the groom's tie and a dress shoe from one of the groomsmen's tuxedo bags. I wish I was present to see the groom hit the panic button. The wedding went well and at the end my Father-in-law Pastor Mickey Hollars saying "Thank God and Greyhound she's gone" It was a good day and beautiful ceremony.

We hit the road after the wedding and headed for west Texas and Eastern New Mexico. From where I right this letter. Since we have been back in North America I have had the privilege of leading 1 person to Christ and dealt with a young man that came forward during an invitation about Salvation.

Let me give you some things to pray about. We would like to purchase a bus for our ministry. We are looking at a used Daihatsu 40 passenger. They are a common form of public transportation; they fit nicely on these narrow streets and it is easy to get parts for them. The average price we have found is \$8,000 US. Please pray with us about that, and if you would like to get involved and help with this ministry need, please e-mail me at s.schepers@hotmail.com

Also please continue to pray for the new church plant Iglesia Bautista Fuente de Luz (Source of Light Baptist Church) and Pastor Samuel. They are slowly growing. Pastor Samuel could use your prayers.

Well, before I start slurring my speech and babbling due to the tired condition of my mind. I am going to say Good night and God Bless you all for making it possible for us to be here.

Surviving Paradise

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Once again, thank you so very much for making it possible for us to be here.