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Dear Support Family,

It is a joy to come into your home again with an update on what God has been doing since our last letter. Again, all of you, prayer supporters and financial supporters, are a vital part of this ministry, and we deeply appreciate having you as part of this team.

I am feeling like the Psalmist who wrote, "My tongue is the pen of a ready writer" as I write to you today. In my last letter I asked you to be praying for my (former) neighbor Jessie who was ill and in need of salvation. I am happy to report that Hope and I met with Jessie, his wife Nancy, and their two adult children and shared the Gospel with them. God worked in their lives and all four of them received Christ as their Savior! To God be the glory!!

The story continues. They agreed to do a follow-up Bible study with us after the holidays. But on Sunday morning 24 December the Lord took Jessie Home. This was a difficult time for the family, but they were rejoicing that Jessie was now safely Home with the Lord. As I met with them, they asked me to conduct Jessie's funeral. Jessie was one of our nation's heroes, and he had all the military rites given to our veterans. The family asked me to conduct the service in my uniform, and I was happy to do so. At the funeral I gave the clear plan of salvation, and at least ten people responded to the invitation to receive Christ as their Savior! I know many of you were praying for Jessie, and I know you pray for Hope and me as we serve the Lord. You often do not know what we are facing, but you faithfully pray. It is an honor to serve the Lord and to be able to see Him work in people's lives. Thank you for your part in our ministry! As God brings us to your mind, will you please continue to pray as we begin the follow-up Bible studies with Jessie's family.

By the time you get this letter I should be in Washington, D.C. representing the Civil Air Patrol Chaplain Corps at the annual National Conference on Ministry to the Armed Forces (NCMAF) Conference. I will be interacting with the Endorsing community, that I was a part of, as well as dealing with the Chaplain Recruiters from all the branches of the military. I will also have the opportunity to connect with the Chiefs of Chaplains and their staffs. Thank you for your prayers.

Our family continues to rejoice in God's faithfulness to us. April graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University on 16 December with her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, and JL was able to come home for Christmas. She had another surgery on 20 December and as I write she is flying back to Korea to her teaching responsibilities. Merri and Kelly and their families are also doing well. Thank you for praying for our family. Hope and I continue to keep moving forward as God enables us to minister to those around us through the various chaplaincy ministries and personal connections He gives us.

Thank you again for your faithfulness! May your tongue also be "the pen of a ready writer" telling of God's goodness!

By His grace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hope".

Psalm 45:1