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January Report

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Dear brethren, family and friends,

About the time you think you have it all figured out, somebody throws another figure into the equation. I have planned for two weeks to have this report written by yesterday. Katya came home sick from school last Friday and grew sicker as the weekend progressed. Everybody's schedules have been in a turmoil all week as we have looked after her, making trips to the doctor and the pharmacy, and taking turns sitting with her. She couldn't lie down for about 48 hours. I sat up with her one night, and her papa did so the next night. The doctor diagnosed the famous "viral infection," and she is finally much better today. Wednesday was her birthday (she is 7), and she didn't enjoy it at all.

Otherwise, the year has started quietly. There have been inquiries from two more churches who are considering how we may serve them, but I have spent most of the time sitting here preparing lessons for the India trip, which starts today. Fund-raising efforts are still meeting with a lot of silence.

I preached twice again for the church in Bad Axe, Michigan, which is looking for a full-time preacher. They asked me to take the position, but of course I declined. They have an excellent benevolence program in the community, and a specific plan for the work over the next several years. If you know anyone who is looking for a place to preach full time, I can give them the details of this church.

The church in Saline, Michigan arranged a Skype interview last week, and have asked me to preach for them while they are looking for a preacher who can move into that city near Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan. I am scheduled to be there the week after my return from India, if they still need me.

The church in Watertown, South Dakota is looking for a preacher, and plans to talk with me about helping out after this current mission. We used to drive through Watertown when we lived in Minot, North Dakota in the 1970's, and always thought it a pretty town.

Sasha and Angela finally found a house that suits their needs. They made an offer for it yesterday, and hope to hear a response later today. They are very excited about the possible end to their long search.

Beginning next Monday I am to be teaching lessons about the Holy Spirit for about 6 hours each day in International Bible Academe (that's the correct spelling; one reader questioned it last month - it's the British influence) in Hyderabad. The following week I am to teach First and Second Thessalonians. During the last two weeks of February the plan is to visit with several churches served by graduates of the school, and three other churches of my own acquaintance. There will be several gospel meetings, and even more preachers' lectureships. If the Lord wills, I shall post daily updates with pictures on my Facebook page: Confirming the Churches.

Thank you for your support and interest in this work. May God bless you

In His service,

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Drucilla McIntire	\$15 and a box of clothing for orphans and widows
Greensboro Road church	\$250
Harrisburg church	\$100
Egypt church	\$100
Angela Babenko	room & board for the month, and clothing for orphans

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