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CHICAGO



"How shall they *believe* in
him of *whom they have not*
heard?..."

— Romans 10:14 —

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Dear Pastor and Church,

Hello, everyone!

Thank you for your faithful support through your prayers, finances, and encouraging messages. Over the last few weeks, it has been a tremendous encouragement to receive so many messages and calls from people checking in on us and praying for our family and ministry.

Although there have certainly been moments of discouragement this summer, there have also been many moments of great blessing and encouragement.

One blessing has been a new relationship I recently developed while driving Uber. Over the last couple of months, I have been studying Islam more in-depth because of the large Muslim population in our area and throughout Chicago. During that time, I specifically began praying that God would connect me with a Muslim man whom I could minister to and share Christ with. So, this relationship with Molamin has truly been a direct answer to prayer, and I would ask that you pray God would continue to open doors for spiritual conversations and that Molamin would come to know Christ as his Savior.

Another blessing this summer has been seeing people whom I have been talking with and reaching out to since we moved here begin to show interest in spiritual things. Some of the individuals I have connected with at Panera are beginning to listen and take an interest in our bi-weekly Bible study. Please pray that they would take the next step and attend one of our upcoming Bible studies, where they can hear and study God's Word.

The final blessing is a divine appointment our family had with a young waiter named Alex at a local restaurant. That initial conversation has led to an opportunity for me to meet with him soon, as he is searching for truth and peace in his life. However, this opportunity has also become a prayer request. It truly feels as though every time we are supposed to get together; something happens that prevents the meeting. So, pray that God would remove any obstacles and allow us to meet, and that I would have the opportunity to clearly share the hope of Christ.

To close, just as I mentioned at the beginning, there have been moments of discouragement. I would ask that you pray specifically for me as I walk through those moments. Too often, I allow discouragement to distract and deter me from pursuing the Lord and praising Him for the great things He is doing. Please pray that I would remain faithful, focused, and encouraged in the work God has called us to do.

Thank you again for your faithful prayers, financial support, and encouragement. We are incredibly grateful for each of you and for the part you play in helping us reach Chicago with the Gospel. Please continue to pray that God would give us wisdom, open doors, and allow us to see lasting fruit for His glory.



Maxi started her first day of PRE-K 4.



We had a visit from our
sending Pastor and Wife.



Lynsey and I both had the opportunity to
teach at Vacation Bible School.

With Love, The Cranfills

82%

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