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Dear Pastors and Friends.

Things are getting busy around here. I have been working on my new seminar ministry "Effectively Teaching Children the Gospel." In May, I will be making some video recordings to play during the seminar. The recordings will have examples of practical tips, along with some scenarios teachers might come across.

I am also hoping to make some recordings for teachers to use in children's church settings, to teach some doctrine, and Bible trivia. Please pray I can get the volunteers I need to record these things at my home church.

Also, I am getting ready for Vacation Bible School in McAllen. Bro. Danny Jones asked if I would organize it this year, and I happily agreed. A team from my home church is planning on making a trip to McAllen during the VBS week to help out. I am also helping to organize some things for the trip. We have already had a workday to start on the decorations. We have a jungle theme, and are excited about all of the fun the kids are going to have. Most of all, we are excited to share the good news of Jesus with everyone who attends! Please pray that some new people visit the church during VBS, and that they accept God's wonderful Gift.



I was hoping to move to McAllen by June, but it looks like that will have to wait, as I need to raise some more support. Unfortunately, I have lost a few supporting churches. While this is emotionally hard, I am trusting God in this. His ways are always perfect. In the meantime. I have enjoyed soaking up some great Bible teaching and preaching at my home church. It has been nice being able to rest in God's Word, and His love. It just amazes me that God loves ME! I don't deserve it, but He freely gives it. I have His forgiveness, and He is pleased in me...not BECAUSE of me, but because of what Jesus did FOR me! Now THAT is something worth resting in!



I have also been able to help in a ministry taking the gospel to refugee children. Many refugee families are resettled in an apartment complex very close to our church. A group goes every Monday night to teach a Bible story and Bible verse to the kids at a park in the complex. Kids from the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia attend each week. Talk about reaching the world! We are doing it in our own backyard! Many of these kids have not accepted Christ yet. Please pray God would work in their hearts, and the hearts of their parents.



Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

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