



Dear Friends,

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When a small congregation of pilgrims set sail in 1620 for the shores of North America, they did so with the express purpose of finding a place where they could freely worship God and raise their families in a biblical manner, separate from oppressive heretical and worldly influences. Their sincere hope was that in doing so, they would be "*laying some good foundation, or at least to make some way thereunto, for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world; yea though they should be but even as stepping-stones unto others for the performing of so great a work.*" ~ Governor William Bradford, *Of Plymouth Plantation*. Little could they realize that the stepping stones they laid with great personal sacrifice and toil, would contribute to the foundation of a nation from which the Lord would call and send out more missionaries than perhaps from any other in history. The work of remote regions missions we are engaged in today is possible, in part, because of the vision and dedication of that small group of pilgrims, 400 years ago. We have much to be thankful for!

We would like to express our appreciation to you all. Your faithful prayers and support are a great blessing that we do not take lightly. The Lord is using your investment in our family and this ministry work to allow the message of the Gospel to continue to go out in this region.

The last two months have gone by quickly. We have been able to travel to a couple of towns in this region for tract distribution and evangelism work, besides our regular trips to Terrace to hold the mission services there. We've been able to have a number of very good conversations with people about the Gospel and eternity. On one of these trips we went to Prince Rupert, BC. Prince Rupert is about 240 miles by car or about 60 miles by air from Hyder. Please pray for this town. There are about eight thousand people there and, like so many towns in this region, no sound bible preaching church. I would like to focus there more as the Lord allows.

We were blessed with a visit from Victoria's parents in September. What a blessing it was to have them with us! They joined right in, helping with whatever was needing to be done in both ministry outreach and building projects. The Lord blessed their visit and we were sorry to see them go.

During the month of October, we were able to travel as a family to Ketchikan Alaska and stayed there almost two weeks due to weather delays. Ketchikan is 60 miles from us here in Hyder and only accessible from here by the mail plane. During this time we were able to take care of medical appointments, including unforeseen ones as we were all sick for a good bit of the time we were there. But thankfully everyone recovered well and just in time to fly back to Hyder. On the flight back, the seasoned pilot gave me an impromptu flight lesson with important tips and pointers for flying in this inhospitable area.

We praise the Lord that Lydia is doing well and has had no repeat seizers. She is scheduled to see a neurologist in Seattle soon. Thank you for your prayers for her thus far and please continue to pray that her visit goes well.

Another praise we have is that we finally have electricity at our property. It has been a long process to get connected to the power grid but just two days ago, the electric crews made the connection. Already it is making a big difference in simplifying life for us and speeding up our progress on the cabin. My Dad and brothers have been a big help the last few weeks and some good progress has been made. It's a blessing too, since winter is fast approaching! We should be getting our first snow any day now.

We thank God for each one of you!

Sincerely, *Paul & Victoria Bach + Lydia, Joyanna & Mary*

