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Dear brethren in Christ,

Greetings from New York State! This month has been very busy with us catching up after our trip to Alabama and Florida in August. In a gospel meeting at the Kelly Spring Road congregation in Harvest, AL, I presented six lessons on "Dealing with Adversity." Those lessons were well-received, and are on their website if you want to listen. On that trip, we took our son Sam to Florida College where he started his sophomore year. Lord willing, my next trip will be to Harrodsburg, KY, in October for a week-long meeting there (Oct.9-14). That will be the end of my planned traveling for 2016.

Update on my wife Sonia: In late October, Sonia will be undergoing scans and tests to determine if her cancer has returned. Her bloodwork indicates that it is slowly coming back. Her CEA levels have been rising and are above normal again. This is consistent with earlier occurrences when the cancer returned. By late October, any cancer should be large enough to be spotted with a PET scan. We won't know until then where in her body it may be. So Sonia may be facing more chemo this Fall and Winter. I will wait to send my next report until after we receive news from her tests. By then we should have a plan for treatment. Your prayers are, of course, appreciated. Sonia's attitude is upbeat as always. Right now she is focused on dealing with foot pain from plantar fasciitis. She is receiving physical therapy for that and has special insoles in her shoes to help with recovery.

My mother Linda has had more issues with pain from vertebrae slippage putting pressure on the nerve in her back. After this relapse, she seems to be slowly doing better with physical therapy. We are concerned that this may be an issue she will keep having until she has surgery. Time will tell. Your prayers for her would mean a lot to us.

Concerning my budget expenses: When our son Sam turned 19 in July, he no longer qualified for Child Health Plus insurance in NY (which is inexpensive), and thus we had to convert our couple insurance plan to a family plan to cover him. This raised the cost of my health insurance premium from \$1411.73 monthly to \$1752.51 monthly. I know the insurance rate will rise even more for 2017, and I won't be surprised if I will be required to pay close to \$2000.00 a month beginning in January. This is the only policy that adequately covers Sonia's needs without us owing thousands of dollars more for cancer care. On this plan, we don't have to worry about deductibles; we just have an affordable copay with every doctor and hospital visit. Unfortunately, high insurance costs are a part of life. So I chose to be thankful that we have it and pray we can continue to pay the monthly premiums. I mentioned in my last letter that the Greencastle congregation in Indiana would not be able to continue supporting me in the new year. Thankfully, the Vivian Road congregation in Kansas City has decided to pick up that missing support. But based on what increased health insurance expenses will be for 2017, I likely need to raise more support to compensate for that difference.

Our Bible studies continue to go well. We will be wrapping up our study in Joshua soon in our Thursday morning class in Cicero, then moving on to the Judges. I'm teaching Mark on Sunday mornings and Acts on Wednesday evening. Both of those should be finished soon, so I'm getting new material ready for those classes. Sunday I'm finishing my lesson series on the historical importance of Genesis 1-11. That turned out to be 8 lessons total. I'm making a schedule for what I want to teach and preach in 2017, and also what goals should be met in 2017 in the work here. Keep praying for us that more opportunities to reach the lost will come, and that we have the wisdom to see those opportunities and the boldness to speak the truth in love. Thank you so much for your support and encouragement in our work here in the Northeast. Thanks to you we are able to be here and keep extending the gospel call to the people in New York State. We love you all!

Your brother in Christ,