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## Monthly Support Report

Dear elders,

Greetings from our family to yours. I pray that this month's support report finds all of you and your family doing well. We are finally drying out today after quite a bit of rain during the past two weeks. But fortunately not as much as others like in the state of Louisiana just to name one have had. Cooler temperatures and getting dark earlier in the evening tells me that fall is on the way.

We are all well. God has blessed us with a reasonable amount of good health that we're very thankful for. It's my prayer that all of you are enjoying good health, and that you enjoying this good time of the year. It's refreshing to get these cooler temperatures although I'm not too excited anymore about the white stuff that will likely follow in the months to come.

As a congregation it seems as though we are beginning to move past the loss of our dear sister-in-Christ. Although in saying that I don't mean to suggest that she isn't missed by all of us and especially by her family. She is very missed by all of us. She was always such a positive-friendly example to all of us and to our visitors. We sing about wanting to be a worker in the Kingdom of the Lord. Our departed sister was a worker in the Kingdom. She is missed and she will continue to be missed. But she suffered a lot during her last few months, and we're confident that her pain and discomfort has ceased. And for that we are thankful. We read in Revelation 14:13, Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."

Now let me share with you some good things that have happened to the congregation here during the month of August. Since school has started we have had two college students come our way. One will attend Washburn and the weekends he isn't home with his parents and sister (about 75-minutes away) he will be worshipping with us. Of course he is a very nice young man and he will be a blessing to us and a great addition. It will be up to us to take care of him while he is away from home as a student. He will be almost a junior having stayed home and attended a junior college. Another student is attending K-State University in Manhattan. She too will be a junior. We hope that we will be of use to her in her walk with the Lord. She will be an encouragement to us during the times she is able to be with us. It will be difficult on her being close to an hour away, but I'm confident she will make every effort to be with us when she can.

Just this past Sunday I made the announcement of a woman placing membership with us. She and her husband and three girls just recently moved here from Georgia. Her husband is attending K-State University and is in the military. He isn't a member. I just met him this past Sunday. He doesn't attend with his wife and three daughters. He's a very nice man. I don't know his story yet. In speaking to his wife in my discussion with her about placing membership he just doesn't believe. But he has always encouraged her and their three daughters to attend. That's a positive that I like to hear. But I'll be curious to hear more about their story as I get the opportunity to know them better. But what a blessing it is to have them with us. They will be here with us for two-years. They are living in housing at Ft. Riley.

I was just thinking the other day that for the longest time as a congregation we have been praying for open doors and for those to come and help us in the Lord's work here in this place. And now it's time for us to once again to go to Him in prayer and thank him for hearing and answering our prayers. Because He has most certainly answered our prayers. The past couple of weeks has been weeks of praise and thanksgiving. The congregation has been really encouraged by the good events that have taken place. Now it's up to us to continue to ask God for open doors and to make sure to help those that He has so richly blessed us with. Together we hope to be a blessing to one another in the Lord's work here in this place.

I hope you are also encouraged by the good news that I'm sharing with you. Your fellowship with me in the gospel makes it possible for us to continue to do the work of the Lord in this place. Thank you so much. It's a blessing to be able to report this good news to you.

God bless.

Randy