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Dear brethren,

Greetings! As I said in my last support letter, I'd check-in with you and update you at least once after our move to Florida and let you know how we are doing. This will be the last official letter I send to those who supported my preaching work in New York. But please, brethren, keep in touch! The easiest way to follow me is through Facebook. Should you want to contact me at any time, feel free to call or email. I'd love to hear from you. Note that my cell phone number has changed. The old number is no longer valid. Please come see us if you are in the Tampa area!

Life has been very busy. We sold our house in NY in late July and packed in time to drive the moving van to Florida and close on the Florida house upon arrival and unload the truck. Three days later we began our new jobs at Florida College. Needless to say, we are still living out of boxes, but making some progress every day in bringing normality to our new home.

Lanna began her teaching career in the FC Business Department as a Business and Marketing professor. I started in a new school position as the Director of Experiential Learning and Internship Coordinator. I'm responsible for connecting students and businesses together so students can have out-of-classroom experiences related to their major. Internships are an important part of that. Also, I will head the Career Center to help seniors find job opportunities after college. Currently I'm busy implementing software from Handshake to best coordinate those efforts. Both Lanna and I have found our work challenging and take satisfaction that we are helping these young people in their lives both professionally and spiritually.

I had hopes of preaching part-time at a local congregation upon arrival, but those arrangements didn't work out. I haven't given up preaching. Teaching the Word is my first love, and I'll use what opportunities I have to do so until a more regular need arises in the area. One particular challenge I have is my health. Before the move, I had some mild symptoms that caused me concern. Then after the move, those symptoms worsened, and some days can be difficult. Thankfully I have much better doctors here than I did in central NY. Currently the prognosis is that I have some blockage in the bile duct that goes out of my liver. This has caused abdominal discomfort, extreme fatigue, mild jaundice, and other issues. I continue to have testing and scans done, and hopefully soon a procedure can be done to open up the bile duct so the normal digestive processes can be restored. I would appreciate your prayers!

After living 20 years in New York, a personal change was needed. Yet if I thought about how many changes I've been through in the last 3+ years, my head would spin. God has taken care of me and my family through all we've gone through, and it's a blessing to be near the boys and Mom and my brother in Florida. Lanna's parents sold their house in Oregon and plan on moving somewhere along the East coast, which thankfully, is much closer.

Words cannot express how thankful I am for your help in the gospel in New York. A lot of good was accomplished there: the gospel was taught, precious souls were converted, and Christians grew in their faith and obedience. Some of you supported me from the very beginning of my work in NY, others for a good portion of that time, and some more recently. Friendships were built from that fellowship. Your love and encouragement were vital to us through that difficult work in the Northeast. You were so kind and caring during Sonia's battle with cancer and her passing. I appreciate your goodwill and encouragement in my finding a new bride and co-worker in the Lord. God has blessed me beyond measure, and you are a large part of that blessing. Thank you! I love you all very much! I hope the opportunity arises that I can see you in person again and celebrate the eternal bond we have together in Christ.

Onward and upward,