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Dear brethren in Christ,

Hello from New York State! I hope and pray you all are doing well in the Lord and growing in His grace. The congregation here in Canastota is doing well. I sincerely believe the Christians here are growing in their knowledge and application of God's word. We continue to make effort to reach the lost in the Syracuse area. To our knowledge we are still the only sound congregation within a 60 mile radius to Syracuse — the nearest congregation to us being at least an hour and a half drive away.

An update on Mom's health: She's been going to physical therapy to help correct the vertebrae slippage in her spine and ease the pain. She is better than she was last month, but still dealing with pain issues from time to time. She's gone from using a walker to a cane. She is now able to drive herself wherever she needs to go without depending on me or Sonia. So the progress has been good. It still remains to be seen if she will need anything more than therapy to solve her problem. Thanks for your prayers for Mom.

There is nothing new to report on Sonia's health. She is still doing well and still cancer-free. One of our members, Melissa Holmes, who I reported last month as having stage 3 breast cancer, will be having her surgery in mid-June. Melissa asks for your prayers. Please also pray for her husband and her young children. It's been a difficult time for them all, but they are using this experience to grow in their faith in God and in their hope of heaven.

It's great to have our son Samuel home for the summer after finishing his first year at Florida College. He will be preaching for us on Sunday, July 10. He and I are studying Paul's prison epistles together while he's home. Our whole family will be taking Sam back to FC in August, and stopping in Harvest, AL, on the way for my gospel meeting there. In early July, Sonia and I will be counselors again at the Northeast FC Camp. We are always happy to help the young people in this part of the country grow closer to God. Our younger son Joshua will be going along with two other young people from the congregation. So our summer is already getting filled up!

Friday begins our weekend gospel meeting with Jerry Falk from New Jersey. His lessons will emphasize the Christian's need to live a holy life and to be equipped to teach the gospel to the lost. His theme verse is 1Peter 3:15. *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."* The sermons will be well-suited for an audience of both Christians and unbelievers. Jerry's whole family (wife, children, and mother-in-law) will be staying with my family during the meeting. I'm personally looking forward to being with my old friend from Florida College and spending time with him and his family. I know we will be uplifted by Jerry's example and his solid preaching from God's word.

Our Bible studies in the area continue. Sadly, two of our regular visitors to worship have lost interest in spiritual things. One has gone back to his old worldly habits of drunkenness and no longer wishes to hear God's word. His circumstance is worsening because of his poor choices. I pray he will see this and understand that Jesus is the solution to his problems. We hope our advertising for our gospel meeting this week will bring us more opportunities for sharing the gospel with others. Our regular Friday morning study in Cicero continues. We are studying Old Testament history.

Again, as a reminder, **my email address has changed**. As of last month, it is now wtrainwater@gmail.com. Please make the necessary change if you have my contact info in your computer or address book. Thanks again for your love, encouragement, prayers, and support. We love you all!

Your brother in Christ,