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Dear brethren in Christ,

Hello from central New York! We are finally nearing the end of snow season (as least we hope). We got a lot of snow in the past month, but it's all melted now. Temperatures are just above freezing today. We are looking forward for warmer temperatures to come soon.

My wife Sonia is doing well in her health. The radiation doctor believes that the treatments she received over the winter months have taken care of the cancer. The tumor has shrunk, and the doctor believes there is a 90% chance that the tumor is dead and will not grow anymore. We certainly hope that is the case. She will receive additional scans within the next couple of months to verify that diagnosis. We are thankful to the Lord for her progress. Thank you for your prayers on her behalf! We appreciate it very much. Though my health concerns are minor compared to hers, I'm doing better managing my Crohn's Disease and my blood pressure is improving. We are both happy to begin the Spring months with positive health results. My mother Linda still deals with back pain from time to time. She is receiving shots in her spine to help deal with the discomfort. Some days she does well, but others she does not. Pray for her that she can find relief and improvement in her back's condition. Other than that circumstance, she is doing very well with no other major health concerns.

In mid-April I'm preaching a weekend meeting in Wallingford, CT. The brethren want me to preach the lesson series on "Dealing with Adversity." At the end of April, Lord willing, I'll be driving to Florida College to be at our son Sam's graduation for his associates degree. Please pray for our safety in traveling.

Locally, I'm teaching the teenage class on Evidences. That is going very well. I'm very proud of my three students. I give them study sheets every week, and they do a thorough job in their homework. On Wednesday evening Bible study, I'm concluding a study on Paul's prison epistles, and will begin Romans soon. Our Thursday/Friday morning men's Bible study is close to finishing the Judges. My wife and my mother are preparing lessons for a women's Bible study next Saturday. This summer I'll be teaching a Bible class at the men's leadership camp (SOL camp) in Pennsylvania, and I'll be a counselor at the Florida College Northeast Camp in New Jersey. I anticipate starting a local class in Ecclesiastes this summer, so I have a lot to prepare for. As a supplement to the teen class, I have been preaching lessons on Evidences using material that I will not have time to use in the 13-week class.

With April about to begin and the ground about to thaw, gospel meetings in New York state are starting. My family and I are going to the meeting in Sidney, NY, tonight and tomorrow, to encourage the brethren there and be encouraged. The congregations of God's people in New York are typically 1 1/2 to 2 hours apart in driving distance. But brethren in the Northeast frequently (and without complaint) drive the distance to be with one another. Our next gospel meeting in Canastota will likely be in the Fall. In conjunction with the meeting, we will especially be doing more advertising and things to try to generate interest in Bible study. The men are working out those details now. Please pray that in all we do, we find more people who are interested in learning more about our Savior Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and eternal life he offers to those who come freely.

It was brought to my attention that some people are still trying to contact me through my old email address. Please note (and I called attention to this several times last year) that I no longer use a Verizon email address. For some reason, even though I closed the account, Verizon is not bouncing emails. Please delete that address from your computers and phones and add my current email, which is the one at the top of this page.

Thank you again for your interest in the work in New York! We appreciate all your thoughts, prayers, encouragement, and support. We are able to be here in the Northeast thanks to you. We thank you and all the brethren here thank you!

Love, from all of us.