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Dear Churches, Pastors, and Praying Friends,

So much has happened since my last letter. I covet every single prayer, short or long, sent to Heaven on behalf of this missionary!

Please forgive my busyness. I get so focused on what I am doing and where I am going. I have totally lost track of time! As I travel and help churches, I have seen six salvations and baptisms since my last communication – four in Katy, Texas at Tri County Baptist Church and two here in Ormond Beach, Florida at Harbor Baptist Church. Also, in Lexington, Nebraska, two families have joined First Baptist Church, Pastor Michael Boling. The Lord is still very much at work!

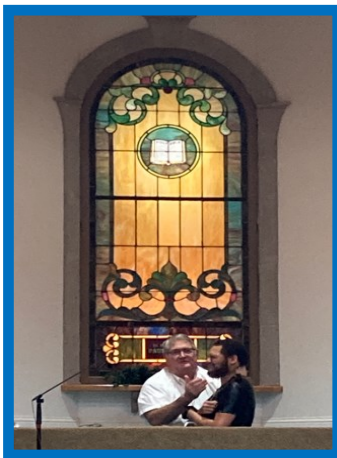
While in Lexington, Nebraska, I finished up several projects that I had started on previous trips. It was such a blessing to see them finished! This started off my fall travels.

While in Nebraska, I visited Pastor Don Tuggle in Dunning. They are needing to expand the church building to add another classroom and bathroom. I pray that I will be able to help this small church in rural Nebraska in the near future.

From there, I went to Seneca, Illinois. I repaired plumbing leaks and drywall at Freedom Baptist Church, Pastor Joel Robertson. I was also able to complete the flooring I had begun on a previous trip.

After this, I headed south to Northern Kentucky Baptist Church for a visit where Pastor Tim Schelling allowed me to present the ministry. While there, my sister Amy underwent an amazing, one-of-a-kind heart operation! She lives in northern Kentucky and Pastor Schelling is her pastor. The condition they found was only the eleventh one documented in history. Her surgery was the first ever to be documented and performed. Amy's surgeon went to Italy several weeks following her operation to teach 400 surgeons how to repair this condition. She lives, thank God, and is now in the medical history books! I stayed until she fully recovered. While there, I attended Northern Kentucky Baptist Church and got to know a lot of great folks!

After my stay in northern Kentucky, I went home to Florida. A week after my arrival, I had chest pains for several days. Finally, I went to the ER and found I had been experiencing a four-day heart attack! They found a 100% blockage to my aorta from a blood clot. How blessed to have my Savior, Jesus Christ with me! They had a surgeon from out of town to





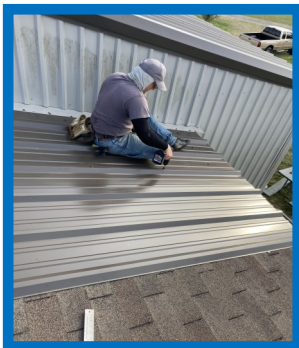
operate the next evening. All went well, I am alive! After one stent, I spent some time recovering, but sneaked off to Texas to Tri County Baptist Church, Pastor Rick Schrader. I orchestrated a small crew to add metal siding and metal roofing to the house we had built for Pastor Dustin and his family. I was able to pace myself to complete this project. We battled high winds with no catastrophes!



It is now May, and I have recovered well. I will be working at Harbor Baptist Church with Pastor Mike Petrick to re-build the sound system and the sound booth before heading to North Carolina to work on the house built for the assistant pastor, Brother Snow. The house is nearing the completion, and I will be finishing the drywall.



Now, I need to give God some more praise. Through Pastor Tim Shelling's encouragement, I placed an application with the Tom Raper Foundation. Tom passed on to heaven several years ago. He was a born again believer and helped missions throughout the years. Even after his home going, he still gives to missions through a foundation! His wife Suzanne has a board that gives a certain amount of money to missions each year. Suzanne Raper, through the Tom Raper Foundation, has gifted me all of the necessary funds to complete the conversion of my new bus! Praise God! Thank you Mrs. Raper and the board for considering this missionary of being a worthy recipient of your generosity!



All the necessary material for the bus conversion have been purchased to date, but with all the health scares, progress has been slow. I am hoping to spend more time on it as I move forward.

Please continue to pray for me as I finish some work here in Florida and hit the road to help churches where God leads. In my next letter, I will be able to fill you in on the progress of upcoming projects. I am able to be able to continue to be a soldier in the battle and to be blessed with healing from the Lord. Thank you for your continued prayer and support! It means the world to me and keeps me going!

Workin' till Jesus comes!!

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