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Dear Pastors and Prayer Warriors,

First, we have some good news. The FAA has finished the airplane registration. It took much longer than normal due in part to the government shutdown. There were also a few complications with the paperwork that resulted in several back-and-forth mailings. The process has now moved on to the final step before we can fly the airplane, which is the paperwork. We must submit detailed paperwork for all the changes and repairs that have been made. This is not a small step, but we are blessed to have a great A&P mechanic volunteering his time to work through it with me. The stack of paperwork is over eight inches tall and needs to be filed with the FAA. All work and all the inspections of the airplane are complete. Further progress is now in the mechanic's hands. We pray that he will be able to get it all finished soon.

In January, Irene went to Mexico to get some medical checkups due to some issues with her high blood pressure. She is now on a newer medication that will hopefully be more stable for her. One evening, she and her older sister walked to the pharmacy, which is only a few blocks away, to purchase some medication. On the way back, they crossed the street with a green light, but a bus that was stopped suddenly turned right at the same light with no turn signal. Since the two roads are both one-way, the bus driver only looked to his left, since that was where any traffic would come from. Because he never looked to the right where he was turning, he hit both Irene and Estella with the side of the bus and knocked them down. As the bus was moving, it went over the top of them during the turn! In the split second that this was happening, Irene was sure she was going to die. Thankfully, God gave her the presence of mind and the focus to bang on the side of the bus with all her might and scream "STOP!" several times. The driver heard her and stopped before the rear wheels hit them. This was a miracle, because almost no one in Mexico survives a bus/pedestrian accident. They were both okay but bruised. They got checked out at the hospital and were cleared after a three-week waiting period and several CT scans each. Without God's protection, Irene and her sister would now be with Jesus. A month prior to this accident, a man was killed at the same intersection by a bus, and a month after, a woman was killed by a car half a block from Irene's family's house. We thank you for your prayers of protection for us.

We are on our way to visit Pastor Gallo in Ecuador. He is holding a large Pastors' Conference and a Youth Conference at the same time. We will be assisting him during the conferences; then will be investigating new options for housing the airplane in Ecuador. Since the government is currently not allowing us to finish the registration of our runway in Kunamp, we had decided to go with our second plan of renting hangar space from an aviation taxi company in Macas. The co-owner and chief pilot, "Captain Danny," was excited about our coming. He had offered to help with my transition training to get my Ecuadorian pilot's license, training for all the different runways we are planning to use, and access to their mechanics. Unfortunately, this past January, he and his two passengers passed away in an airplane accident in the jungle. He was very respected in the aviation community in Ecuador and will be greatly missed. We plan on finding a couple more options to house the airplane while we are there.

We are deeply grateful for your prayers for our safety and for God to guide our steps as we seek the best plan to follow in the future. We know that we are facing opposition, but we also know that God is with us.

God bless you,

Chris and Irene Williams

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