



January – March 2021

Dear Praying Brethren,

Let me begin this letter by apologizing for the delay in sending it. Typically, I send out our prayer letters every two months but, as I finished writing this one, I came down with what was most likely the coronavirus. I did get tested but, an issue at the testing facility returned an “invalid” test result. Since I was sicker than a dog for almost two weeks, it did not take much to keep me “quarantined” for the recommended ten days. During this time, I did not have the energy to do much of anything and, even after most of the symptoms had passed, recovery was slow. By the time I got back into the swing of things, much had happened, and it seemed better to wait and send out a three-month update. Thankfully, I have recovered and, so far, have suffered only minor lasting effects. As a result of covering three months’ worth of events, this letter will be slightly longer than usual.

As we speed through the beginning of 2021, it is difficult to believe that three months have already passed. Most of our meetings at the beginning of the year were in California with a few being in Nevada and one follow-up meeting in Arizona with a supporting church. We have made the trip back to the east coast and are now in Pensacola, FL with our home church. We are happy to report that our **support is at 100%**! Praise the Lord! It has been a long road but, through it all, the Lord has been incredibly good to us. We would not trade the past couple of years for anything. With our deputation mostly finished, our attention is primarily focused on gathering the required documents for our visa application and getting ready for the move to Spain. Although the Spanish border is still closed to travelers from the U.S., as far as we have been able to tell, they are still accepting applications for long-term visas. If our visas are granted, we should be allowed to enter the country. The rules and restrictions are ever-changing so, please pray that the Lord will keep the door open. The visa application process is rather involved and, because of the covid delays on other fronts, getting the necessary paperwork has been challenging. However, we are confident that, if the timing is of the Lord, He will arrange all the circumstances to get us to Spain sooner rather than later.

While out west, I had the opportunity to speak with an older man by the name of **Jerry**. I struck up a conversation after seeing the off-road vehicles on the trailer he was towing. It turns out that he travels all over Utah, Nevada, and California participating in various types of off-road races. Although brief, I was able to witness to him and, as it “happened”, I had the Chick tract called *The Long Trip* on me. The “coincidence” of circumstances was not lost on either of us and, he received it enthusiastically saying he would read it. I will likely never see Jerry again but, who knows what the Lord will do with a friendly conversation and a brief gospel witness. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will use these things to work on Jerry’s heart and turn him to Christ.

While in California and Nevada, we were able to participate in several church ministries and, despite the fear conjured up by this world, most people were receptive in opening their doors, receiving Gospel tracks, and hearing the outdoor preaching of the word of God. While door-knocking with a pastor in Las Vegas, NV, we spoke with **Jose**, a sincere Hispanic man unsure of the existence of God. He was open to reading some scriptures and talking about the Gospel but, was unsure that any of it mattered if there was no God. I offered him the challenge of seeking God for himself by looking where God said to look for Him, the Scriptures. Specifically, I challenged him with reading the Gospel of John to see if God would not show Himself to Jose through his honest searching for truth. He said that he would do so and, hopefully, he will

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stick to his word. Please pray that, if he means business, he will take the time to seek the Lord. There is no doubt that the Lord **“is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”**

On the family front, our son, **Justus**, just had his first birthday. For me, it feels like yesterday when he was born! It is a stark reminder of how quickly time passes and how much can change in just one year. God has been good and, Justus is healthy and growing quickly. Also, we now have his new passport! This is one of the items that we have had issues getting but, thankfully, we have one less piece of paper to worry about.

Last year, in our March – April prayer letter, I asked for prayer for our daughter concerning her salvation. During that time, she had some questions about the subject and was in tears about not being saved. I gave her the gospel and explained to her that all she needed to do was trust in Jesus and ask Him to save her. She did bow her head and, while crying, did just that. In an effort to not convince her of something that she did not understand, I hesitated in announcing it or telling her that she was saved. Since then, every time the subject has come up, she would express her understanding of *how* to get saved but, when asked if *she* were saved, she would say that she was not. This changed this past January when, while was doing her schoolwork, she suddenly stopped and yelled enthusiastically, “I did that! I asked God to be my Savior!”

After asking her to explain herself, she referred to that time in April of 2019. She even distinctly remembered crying and asking Jesus to save her! Without coaching from either me or my wife, **Catalina now knows that she is saved!** We are not sure why it took her so long to get assurance of her salvation but, we are grateful that she knows for herself that she is saved and on her way to heaven. Thank you so much to all of you that prayed for her!

Many of you have been such a blessing to our family over the years and, we feel that “thank you” is insufficient to express how genuinely grateful we are for all your thoughts, prayers, and support. While all the glory goes to the Lord Jesus Christ, there is no doubt that if it were not for the generosity and care of you, our supporters, we would not be where we are today. Thank you so much for your kindness and, we hope and pray that the Lord will heap His goodness on you as you have on us.

Sincerely in His Service,

Justin, Anna, Catalina, & Justus Pizzo

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