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Howdy Folks,

I wanted to start this update by expressing my heart. When I began this update of mine, it was a letter to my family and friends to share my new life on the mission field. I shared my deepest thoughts and feelings. As many people emailed me and asked me to put them on my mail-out, and as my mail-out list grew and grew, I'm sorry to say that I began not completely share my heart. But after talking on the phone with a very dear friend of mine, I realized what I had done. I would like to apologize for not sharing my heart totally and be totally myself, because I know the ones of you that have asked to be put on my mail-out, you must really care. And I thank you for that. I know that you really would like to know what to pray for as far as personally as well as ministry. So I will do my utmost with the Lord's help, to start over and continue my updates as they once were.

This past week was as busy as usual. Bro. Bob Vansant left to go up to BT to finalize some paperwork for the college up there, so on Wed. night when the service began, I noticed a good looking man up on the platform ready to preach. It was none other than my favorite preacher, my beloved HUBBY!!!! OK, so I'm prejudice. ha-ha He spoke a very good message on not giving up. It is always nice to here him preach. He preaches in the hearing church about every three weeks or so.

I would like to ask you to please continue to pray for our teenagers. This week we got a phone call saying that one of our teen boys (Andrea) had run away from home. He has been gone for about 10 days now, I believe. The mother does not want to get the militia (police) involved. I'm not quite sure why as of right now, but if you could please pray for him and his family. He is 14 years old and seems to be a very good kid. We found out tonight at church that he left a note for his mother that he would be gone for a few days and that he loved her. She is very worried about him and so are we.

There is also a man in the deaf church that my heart really aches for. I'm sorry to say, that I can't remember his name right this second, but he is deaf and now is losing his vision as well. He is almost blind, as I understand it. But he comes to church and try's to see the sign language. I was told that they tried to get his eyes fixed here but they were told that it is too late to do anything for him. I guess the doctors here can not do anything for him. I ask you to please pray for this man's sight. I know that our God is Able. I think of how difficult it would be not to be able to see or to hear. I know I didn't give you a name, but the Lord knows!

I am now taking a college course, New Testament Survey. I was asked when we became missionaries to take a few Bible courses since I had not gone to a Christian College. Well, the Lord opened up an opportunity for me to take one of them. Every so often Bro. Bob teaches a college course to whomever is interested and this time he announced that he was teaching NT Survey. Then he had to find NT Survey books that were in Russian, so after he bought them, I asked him what book did he find and what the author was. He bought the exact book that I have in English! Was the Lord opening doors or what???? I have really enjoyed the class, I have already learned a lot.

The boys are doing well in school. They got their first report cards about a week or so ago. Caleb is still really excited about doing school this year and is doing very well. Joshua got the A-B honor roll. And Marc got A's in History, Science and Math. WOW!! He was having some difficulty in a couple of his subjects, but he is doing allot better this nine weeks. I am really proud of all three of them. They work really hard. Anna spends most of her mornings with Tony while I am teaching the boys. They are all growing up so fast. Marc is getting really tall. He told my sister Tamie on the phone that he only has about 7 or 8 inches to go before he catches up with her. ha-ha She is 4'11. OH yeah, and 1/2".

I want to thank all of you for all your prayers that you put out on our behalf. They truly are appreciated. God bless you all in your ministries for the Lord.
Dawn Hess