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Dear Praying Friends,

This will be my last prayer letter before we celebrate our ONE-year anniversary! I am amazed and overwhelmed at how God has blessed. I can certainly say that He has done exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think! We kicked off the New Year in style with Brother and Mrs. Dave Smith on January 1st. Brother Smith has been the director of Cedar River Baptist Camp and Circle C Baptist Ranch, and recently the Lord has moved them into full-time evangelism. He was such a blessing and help to our church!

Youth: We took our first groups of teenagers to some regional youth rallies in January and February. On February 4th, we had 13 people go to a youth rally at our sending church! We also were able to take a group to the NYFC in Lexington, KY at the beginning of March, and had a wonderful time doing so.

SOULS: The last Thursday in January a 50+ year old man walked into our church service for the first time. At the end of church, I began to talk with him, and he trusted Christ as His Saviour! I was out soulwinning recently, asking the Lord to lead me to people who needed Him. There was a man sitting in his truck and I walked over and began to invite him. He said "Well I'm a practicing Catholic", expecting that to end the conversation. I said, "Well I am a practicing Baptist, but that won't get me to Heaven. Will you be in Heaven when you die?" He told me no and allowed me to share the gospel with him. He bowed his head and put his full faith in Christ alone! It is amazing how God works. As soon as we were done praying, the friend he was waiting on pulled in. Had he come just a few minutes earlier, that man might still be on his way to Hell.

I am always excited for a soul to get saved, but when Miguel got saved I was especially glad because it was the first Hispanic Adult man that I have led to the Lord since arriving in Jasper. We have a large and growing Hispanic community here, many coming straight from Venezuela and El Salvador.

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The Man Event: As I mentioned in our previous prayer letter, we hosted the MAN EVENT on February 24th. We had 156 men from the community and several area churches. Pastor Doug Cassel of Bethel Baptist Church in Linton, Indiana, preached the message. We had a wonderful night, and most importantly unchurched men were there and heard the Gospel. You can check out a recap of the night at themaneventjasper.com.

Upcoming Events: On March 5th we began adult and children's Sunday School. We had 50 in attendance for our first day of Sunday School! We also had our highest attendance of the year with 54. I am praying we break our record of 58 in April! We are beginning regular church outreach on March 18th. April will be a busy month with our first spring program.

Prayer Requests: Of course there is still so much to do! The hour is late, and the Lord will return very soon! Pray for souls to be saved, and for our country. We had another church shut down in a neighboring county at the beginning of this year. That makes five counties that touch ours that are in desperate need of a gospel preaching church that has a vision to reach their community. PRAY that the Devil will not get a foothold in our young church. He would love to destroy what God is clearly and evidently accomplishing here.

I'm thankful that "as for God, His Way is perfect." Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for having a vision to reach the world. Keep serving HIM!

IN Christ Alone,

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