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Dear brothers & sisters,

I hope this letter finds all of you doing well and encouraged in your work for the Lord. In my last report, I mentioned getting approval to baptize some of the inmates at the **Federal Prison Camp**. These baptisms were initially limited to one Sunday evening every three months, but since then the interim chaplain has given permission for these baptisms to happen more frequently. Whenever any of the inmates show interest in being baptized, I generally will study with them to discuss how baptism is described biblically. These studies give us a chance to address any misconceptions they may have about faith, baptism, salvation, or discipleship, while also allowing time to discuss any questions they may have. Since May, six inmates have been baptized into Christ!

Earlier this summer, a new chaplain was hired to take over on a full-time basis for the chaplain who retired last year. While overall this is a good thing for the prison camp, it likely means that the new chaplain will eventually take over the preaching role that I've been filling since the beginning of the year. If that happens, it will also probably mean that I will no longer be able to baptize, since he will be taking over that role as well. The new chaplain is still in the training process, so in the interim I'll be able to continue preaching and baptizing – I'm just not sure how long that will continue. I'd appreciate your prayers to be able to continue doing this as long as possible. The good news is that these changes will not affect the Tuesday night Bible study at the prison camp.

My other Bible studies have changed somewhat over the course of the summer. The **Romans Meetup study** has moved from Thursday night to Monday night. Since then, Janelle, Melanie, and I have been joined by **Kelley**, a recent college graduate who now lives and works in Duluth. Kelley has started bringing another friend of hers, **Maria**, who seems very interested in becoming a regular participant in the study. Both of them are very spiritually-minded and have added a lot to the study. Then there's **Dave**, a middle-aged local whose far-fetched ideas have added a completely new dynamic to the study. Most weeks, Dave is coming up with ways to connect Paul's teaching in Romans to things like MacGyver, dinosaurs, and other random pieces of pop culture. For the most part, we've been able to welcome & appreciate him without drifting too far off topic. One other note from the Meetup study – **Dustin Larson**, a young man who was part of our study earlier this year and was baptized before moving to Colorado for the summer, has

decided to stay in Colorado for the time being. I'm trying to maintain contact with him in hopes of keeping him encouraged and helping him grow, even from a distance. It doesn't seem like he has much Christian support of any kind where he is.

Two other regular studies – a Tuesday afternoon study with **James & Jolen Wilds** and a Thursday morning study with **Bev Stewart & Mary Ryan** – have been put on hold for the summer because of busy schedules, but both of these studies will probably be starting back up in the next few weeks. Meanwhile, my studies with **Steve Bastie** (Tuesday mornings in Acts) and **Dyrek James** (Wednesday mornings in 1 Peter) have stayed fairly consistent throughout the summer. One final piece of news – **Ryan & Sana Pearce**, a young Christian couple who recently moved to Duluth from central Wisconsin, have decided to join the congregation in the Lord's work here. In their short time with us, they have been a tremendous encouragement to everyone who has met them. We're thankful that God has brought them to us and we are continually encouraged by all the ways He equips us to do His work. God truly does provide.

Gratefully yours,  
Taylor

Below is a summary of all monthly financial support I am currently receiving.

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| 1. Hawk Ridge church of Christ (Duluth, MN)          | \$400/mo  |
| 2. Kirkwood church of Christ (Kirkwood, MO)          | \$300/mo  |
| 3. Old Wire Road church of Christ (Fayetteville, AR) | \$300/mo  |
| 4. Fairview Park church of Christ (Little Rock, AR)  | \$500/mo  |
| 5. Northwest church of Christ (New Hope, MN)         | \$1000/mo |
| 6. Rocky Point church of Christ (Cordova, TN)        | \$400/mo  |
| 7. Christian in Villa Park, IL                       | \$100/mo  |
| 8. Brentwood church of Christ (Brentwood, TN)        | \$500/mo  |
| 9. Eastside church of Christ (Conway, AR)            | \$500/mo  |
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**10. TOTAL**

**\$4000/mo**