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Dear brethren in Christ,

Greetings from the heart of New York State! Life has been extremely busy for me and my wife Lanna these last 2 months as we prepare our transition to Florida. After much preparatory house repair and painting, Lanna and I sold our house in Chittenango in June and will close on it before the end of July. Now we are busy packing things up for the move. Last weekend we bought a house in Dover, FL, which is a comfortable driving distance to Temple Terrace. We are trying to arrange the move so that we close on the Florida house as soon as we arrive in the moving van. Lord willing, I'll be driving the truck and pulling my car while Lanna follows in her car. Please pray for our safety and success in travel.

Things continue to go well with the Indian River church of Christ in Philadelphia, NY. My last Sunday and midweek Bible study with them will be July 18th and 20th. Starting this month, the midweek service has moved to Tuesdays. One important development: due to increasing rent on the meeting place, the brethren decided to purchase a meeting house. An ideal property for a church building came on the market and the brethren combined their resources to make it happen. The new building is located on Highway 11, even closer to Fort Drum than the old location. We are now meeting in it though it is still in disrepair. Fortunately, several brethren have the knowledge and skill to make repairs and improvements so that it will have comfortable spaces for assembling and for classrooms and a nursery.

This Sunday I conclude my lesson series on Evidences for Faith. Throughout the last year, I've preached 11 lessons on the topic. Sunday will be the 12th lesson as I present evidence for Jesus' resurrection. My Sunday morning class is on the Life of Christ, and Tuesday class is devoted to the books of Moses. We are about to finish Numbers. This month is bittersweet as a few of the soldiers' families from Fort Drum are being transferred to other Army bases. They will be sorely missed. As always, as some soldiers leave, others come in and take their place. But it's always an opportunity to teach the Word to more people and to strengthen those who have already confessed their faith in Jesus Christ and obeyed Him in repentance and baptism. We pray they leave stronger than when they first arrived, and I think many have. It will be our turn to say "Goodbye" later this month. It will be hard to leave the good brethren here. I will be leaving close friends I've known for 20 years.

As I discussed in my last letter, Lanna and I will be working for Florida College beginning in August. I'm also hoping to do some part-time preaching in the area. I requested that, if possible, to please send one last check for August as our first paychecks from FC will not arrive until later that month. Two congregations are ending support in July. One has confirmed an August check. If you are able, please consider helping us bridge the income gap in August. It will be useful not only for daily needs, but for covering some moving expenses. The post office will forward our NY mail to Florida. Our future address will be: 1527 Rhodeswell Ln, Dover, FL 33527. But please don't send anything to the new address until August. I plan to write you one last letter in August to update you on the move and let you know how we're doing. Thanks again for all you've done to help us spread the gospel in the Northeast. Please pray that we might help many people and students in Florida to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ! We love you all!

Your brother in Christ.