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Dear supporting churches and friends,

Thank you for your prayers for us over the last couple of months. We arrived back in the States in the middle of June. We are so thankful for God's leading and provision as we prepare for the arrival of our son. He has given us a great doctor and hospital to work with here in Utah. We also picked up a vehicle to use for deputation in New Mexico. We are thankful for your prayers for Allison and our son's health. The complications earlier in the pregnancy, that we saw in Romania have resolved or disappeared completely, praise the Lord! This last week, however, we found out that Allison has a new complication that requires an earlier delivery. Because of this, we will be inducing labor on August 21st. Please pray for our doctor to have wisdom and for a safe delivery for Allison and our son.

In July, we were in New Mexico visiting some churches and family that we have in the Albuquerque area. We got to report in four churches, three of which we haven't visited since our first month of deputation in June/July 2020. It was a blessing to see them growing and faithful. After about three weeks in New Mexico, we returned to Utah.

We have continued to have contact with the Ukrainian family in Romania. They are asking for prayer as they are preparing documents for their future return to Ukraine after the war. Because of the flood of people fleeing the country in 2022, the Ukrainian government has had to change how they process documents for Ukrainians who are out of the country. Making some of these changes to their documents can be difficult for Ukrainians who do not live in an area where they have easy access to a Ukrainian consulate. Please pray for them to have God's grace as they follow the new laws. We also met another Ukrainian lady this past Sunday. She and her husband are looking for a new church, but we don't know much of their background. Please pray that we will be able to continue being in contact with them.

Please pray for peace in Ukraine. There continue to be airstrike attempts throughout much of the country. Praise the Lord, many of these have been thwarted because of the air defense systems that they have been given. However, no system is perfect and people are still dying. In Kharkiv, a firefighter responded to a fire caused by one such attack. The house that was destroyed was his, with his wife dying inside and his son being injured. In the last week, Ukraine has begun an offensive from the Sumy oblast into Russian territory. As the war escalates, we are praying that as many lives as possible are spared and given another chance to hear and believe the Gospel.

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