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Dear Brothers and Sisters at Elkview Baptist,

Greetings in the Lord's dear name! How can it be that 2025 is already this far along! We ordered Christmas cards over the Internet, but they didn't arrive until it was too late to send them out! So, we're saving them for next year. Of our five sons, three were here over Christmas with their wives and our grandsons---eleven altogether sleeping on air mattresses, a sofa and our pull-out couch. We filled up a whole row of seats at church! What an exciting and noisy and wonderful Christmas it was.

Your partnership with us in our ministry truly fills us with gratitude. We know your faithful gifts come from the Lord and we do not cease to thank Him. We thank Him too for a host of opportunities here in South Florida to share the gospel. This is a very international area, almost like living overseas.

The Lord is so good also to allow us to continue serving Him among the brothers and sisters in Haiti. Because of the crime and kidnapping we can't go there in person any longer, but I communicate every day with pastors, leaders, and friends that we have known for years to encourage and counsel them in their current distresses. We have great joy in the privilege of sending funds to poor and suffering believers as we're able and as the Lord provides from others. Also, there are a lot of Haitians here in south Florida and hardly a day goes by without my speaking to someone in French or Creole.

It's been a good while since we sent an update on our family: Our five sons all grew up in Haiti and are 48 to 60 years old now. Hard to believe we have kids that old! James, our oldest and Jill live in western North Carolina. He's a dentist and they have a married daughter, Allie and a son Connor. Second son John and Cathie live in northeastern Ohio. They are missionaries with Ambassadors Football, a mission that uses soccer to reach young people with the gospel. Their

two boys Josiah 17 and Jude 15 are both terrific soccer players and enthusiastic believers. Third son David and Elisabeth live in Illinois where he is a university professor. Their two boys, Nathan 20 and Luke 18 are both students at an excellent Christian college, Cedarville University in southern Ohio. Fourth son Andrew and Nirva live within a mile of us here in south Florida with their 17-year-old son Isaac. Andrew has been caring for my 79-year-old brother Burk who is in very poor health. Nirva is a nurse. And finally, there is our youngest, Joseph (Joey) and Kayce in South Carolina. They have two little boys, Bennett 9 and Brayden 6. Joey, like his older brother James, is a dentist. Kayce is a nutritionist.

We are blessed to have a very good church to attend here in Florida. There are four pastors and about 300 in attendance. The pastors are such good preachers; very earnest, evangelistic, and committed to the text. Christ is always lifted high and people are being saved. There are so many young singles and young married at church. You should see all the little children running to and fro after the service! What a blessing!

We trust all is well with Elkview Baptist, and that the Spirit is at work in your midst. And, again, we want to say a hearty Thank You! for your faithful support. May God give you the grace and wisdom you need every day to glorify Him as you love each other and your neighbors.

Heartily in Christ,

*Boxley + Joyce*



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