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Dear Church,

We enjoyed giving thanks to the Lord with friends and family at Anchor Baptist Church as we gathered for a feast of mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, vegetable plates, and one huge turkey! Of course, folks brought stuffing, gravy, pies, cakes, cookies, biscuits, and Stacy made the green jello salad (which is a tradition for our family.) One of the men we know from the fire department has never visited the church but came for the festivities and had a great time. We also had a first-time visitor from the Coast Guard who has since been faithful to attend each service following that wonderful Thanksgiving dinner we shared together! Thank you for praying for us and for reading this update as we continue to plow, plant, water, and trust the Lord for the increase!

The Lord blessed us with a direct answer to prayer by sending a young married couple to encourage our family and church. These dear people love Jesus and are vocal witnesses for Jesus. God has opened the door for them both to witness, and they have already begun bringing people to church. Another man sent to us by the Lord also has a burden for winning souls. He will readily tell you how he wasted many precious years running from God and living for the devil. Now he is regularly attending church and preaching to anyone who will listen. Our church soul-winning efforts have been rewarded even though we haven't had anyone come as a direct result of being invited during visitation. We have seen the principle of sowing and reaping unfold before our eyes many times over with lots of first-time visitors since the church people began sowing.

People have been coming to church and visitors have been returning! We thank God for very strong attendance the past three or four weeks with between 23 and 26 gathering to worship every Sunday. Our midweek service has also increased in attendance. Two weeks ago, one of our first-time visitors indicated by an uplifted hand that he needed to be saved. I was so blessed to have a man in our church who could open the Bible and share the gospel with this visitor and lead him to Christ. The new convert was happy to make his profession public to the church Sunday evening and we look forward to following up with baptism and discipleship.

Gabriel and I continue to volunteer at the Fire Department and appreciate your prayer for us. Gabriel serves as a Firefighter I and is nearly complete with his pumper operator training. His testimony as a good, hardworking, and honest man is a shining example to the community and we thank God for it. I continue to serve as chaplain to the department. Please pray for us as we serve the community and ask the Lord for wisdom and safety.

Today I noticed the coolant level in our van was low, so I added water. When I did, lots of white smoke began to billow out of the exhaust. This is not a good sign and we don't know how long the van will keep going. We bring folks to church with it, so your prayer is appreciated!

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