



Fourth Quarter 2022

Dear Church Member, Pastor, Friend, and Faithful Supporters,

It is hard to believe that 2022 has already come and gone. As we sit here and reflect on what all God has done for us in preparation for the field, we are just amazed that He would allow some folks like us to serve Him. A lot has taken place in this past year, more than I can even begin to put into one short letter. But suffice it to say, God is so GOOD! Many of you have sent some extra special love offerings for Christmas. I want to thank each and every one of you for your sacrifice to be such a blessing to my family.

Our last letter left you with some prayer request about our move to the field, as well as our housing situation in Cordova. On October 26th we signed an 18 month lease on a duplex to rent in Cordova. It is a nice place with a million dollar view right in the middle of town. We are so thankful for it and are so ready to get there and make it a home. The end of '22 was basically the end of our deputation trail. We have had a couple more meetings here in January, but as I'm writing this, we attended our last scheduled meeting two nights ago. We have just over 100% of promised support. We are trusting the Lord to bring all of the funds in that have been promised, and for Him to supply what He wants us to have on the field. We also mentioned the cost of the barge in our last letter and what other options we might have. Since that time, God settled in our hearts which way He would have us go. With the uncertainty and ever changing prices on the barge, we decided to just make the drive up through Canada. We had a missionary friend, Brother John Pinnix with Remote Alaska Missions, to offer to drive a second vehicle up for us. Because of both of our schedules, we are now planning to depart January 23rd from NC and head north to Alaska. My wife and children will fly up to Alaska to meet me on February 7th.

The Lord burdened one of our supporting pastors, Brother Nick Stamper, to organize an offering to help us with our move. This was such a surprise and HUGE blessing to my family!! This offering allowed us to buy all the furniture that we should need in Cordova, an extra enclosed trailer to pull behind our second vehicle, plane tickets for my family, and so on. With that offering, as well as some others that have come in, the Lord has more than supplied the need for our entire move to the field, including fuel, food, ferry costs, etc. "Where God guides, He provides." We are overwhelmed and amazed at what He has done. For those of you that have given to this, I just want to say an extra THANK YOU!! You have no idea what this has meant to our family. When I wrote the last letter, I knew God wanted us on the field, and I believed He wanted us there in January, but I was very burdened about the "HOW?". But God knew!

There is so much more I could write, and so many more "thank-you's" that are owed, but I just cannot fit it all in this letter. Our next letter should be written there on the mission field. We are excited to get there and get to the work! Thank you all for your giving, and your support, but more than anything, thank you for praying. I've said it before, money may get you to the field, but prayer is the only thing that can keep you there. Thank you SO MUCH for the giving...PLEASE PRAY!! That is the only way anything is going to get accomplished there for Him. It is just going to take prayer. Please pray for us, our move, but please pray for favor with the folks there in Cordova. It is going to take a real move of God for anything to get done.

Looking to Him,
The Helms Family