

THE Schurg FAMILY

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Dear Praying Friends,

We started this year in January very thankful, thankful that God's people made it possible for us to spend Christmas near our family and gave us a place to land for those days. It meant more than we can say. Before long, we were loading up again and heading south toward Florida, ready to see what the Lord had in store.

Our first stop was in Seminole, Alabama, with Three Rivers Church. We were able to spend the very first Sunday of the new year with them. There is something special about beginning a year in the Lord's house. After the services, we enjoyed a wonderful meal on the grounds and sweet fellowship with the church family. It set the tone for the weeks ahead.

A few days later, we were in Foley, Alabama, for a Wednesday night meeting. It was quick, but it was powerful. Their children's program stood out to us in a big way. The effort, organization, and heart behind it were evident. I believe in children's ministries, and seeing it done well only deepened that conviction in us.

From there, we headed to Bible Baptist Church in New Port Richey, Florida. The Lord gave us warm weather while we were there—something we didn't realize we would appreciate so much later. We were able to go out soul winning with the church family, knocking doors and witnessing together. There is nothing quite like seeing a church move as a group effort to reach its community. It encouraged our hearts.

After Florida, we made a long trek north to Faith Baptist Church in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, with Pastor Noonan. My brother is a member there, which made the weekend extra meaningful for us. It does something for your spirit to see a work that has been steady and thriving because of years of faithfulness. It reminded us that longevity in the ministry matters. We left there wanting to be just as faithful wherever God plants us.

From there, we visited a dear friend from my college days in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Pastor PJ Pallini went out of his way to accommodate us. The temperature dipped to around -30 degrees while we were there. I can honestly say that kind of cold will wake you up quickly. It also made us appreciate the Florida warmth we had just enjoyed—and the warmer climate we trust the Lord has ahead for us in the days to come.

Next, we spent four very snowy days at Emmanuel Baptist Church in South Haven, Indiana. This church is especially dear to me. I spent many hours there over the years with teen quizzing, activities, and workers' seminars. Walking those halls again brought back a flood of memories. To say it holds a special place in my heart would be an understatement. While there, we were also able to connect with some missionaries who took time to encourage us. Those conversations meant more than they probably realize.

After that, we were with another dear pastor friend in DeMotte, Indiana, at Graceway Bible Baptist Church. For many years, they have hosted a Youth Rally that I used to take our teens to. Being back again, this time as missionaries, was special—so many familiar faces, so many shared memories. We are thankful they opened their church and hearts to us.

After this, we had a longstanding meeting with First Baptist Church of Goodrich, Michigan. They made their goal of the Missions Conference to be a good mix of activities and rest. God used it as a way for us to really catch up on a few things, and we were appreciative

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of it. Where can I even begin? The church provided every meal, gave us opportunities we normally would not have to go visit special places, and much more. Pastor Gonzalez has a shepherd's heart—he loved on us like one of his flock. We will never forget the five days spent with them.

God then allowed us to stay somewhat local and be at Friendship Baptist Church in La Porte, Indiana. I had crossed paths with the pastor a few times over the years, but the weekend we spent together really knit our hearts. “Friendly” is not just a name there. The people simply loved on us in a way that caught us off guard. We left feeling strengthened.

The following Sunday found us sixteen hours southeast at Temple Heights Baptist Church. We were with them Friday through Sunday during the close of their Missions Month. They had events nearly every night, and the pace gave us multiple opportunities to truly get to know the people. When you spend that kind of time together, you start to fall in love with a church family. We are thankful for how they cared for our children and made them feel included.

We closed this stretch of meetings with Bible Way Baptist Church in Milton, Florida. This one was especially unique. It started as a simple pop-in visit, which turned into a connection, and that connection led to a meeting. The Lord has a way of arranging things better than we ever could. Pastor Wright was a real encouragement, and the church helped us along in more ways than one. We look forward to being back with them again soon, Lord willing.

Praises

- The Lord allowed us to see five souls saved during this stretch, along with many other opportunities to witness. We give Him the glory for every open door.
- We are also thrilled to share that Hilda is pregnant . . . again. This was a very special blessing for our family. We are excited and trusting the Lord with every detail as we move forward.
- God orchestrated it so I would preach my very first message all in Spanish (with no translator!). My wife and I were surprised that my Spanish has improved enough to be able to do so, and we give God the glory!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for safe travels as we work to finish deputation.
- Pray that everything would continue to go smoothly with Hilda's pregnancy.
- Pray for our children. Deputation, with all its travel and constant change, can be wearing on our boys. Pray for their little hearts to be patient with the process and steady in spirit. (Emery, for now, is just happy to be anywhere.)

Thank you for praying, giving, and standing with us. The road can be long at times, but we are reminded again and again that we are not on it alone.

With grateful hearts,
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