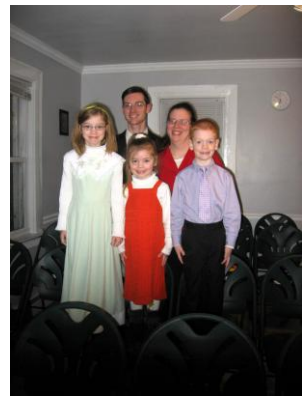




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Dear Friends, Prayer Partners, and Financial Supporters,

Thank you for your prayers for us as we work in the Woodsboro area to get the Gospel to the lost and teach the doctrine of Jesus Christ to the saved. Admittedly, this has been one of the coldest and most difficult winters to face that I can remember (and I grew up in this part of MD). We have not been able to do near as much as we would have liked (because of ice, snow, and freezing temperatures); so, instead of beating on doors, we have been shoring up the ministries we already have in motion!

Thank you for praying for those in one-on-one discipleship. These six individuals make up the core of our assembly. They are learning the doctrine of Christ every week and some are to the point of preparing to teach it to others, which is exciting! Both my wife and I have a couple of individuals that will complete their lessons in a few weeks, which will cause a shift from learning via mainly bookwork to learning via doing the work of the ministry. Our goal will be to help these that have completed to find someone they can teach, while my wife and I teach someone else. I will be particularly blessed this year by having at least two men that are willing to go out witnessing with me, Lord willing. This will be the first time in three years!

Thank you for praying for me as I work on our discipleship material. This series of lessons has grown to thirty-seven lessons that cover the basics of the Christian life. By the end of these lessons, the learner should be reading their Bible, praying, attending church services, becoming a good stewarding, and witnessing at a growing pace. I have almost completed this material and am nearing the refining stages!

Thank you for your prayers about our mortgage. After getting counsel from some respected men in the church and fellow pastors, we made the decision to go to an interest-only loan for the next year. Thankfully, we signed the paperwork for this loan about one month ago and our mortgage has been cut in half for the year. This is a tremendous relief from our backs, if only for a year, and we praise God for His wisdom!

Thank you for your prayers regarding our other ministries. We have an ongoing relationship with the prison system via prison visitation, court testimonies, and community service. I am praying that God will expand this ministry to help these troubled individuals. We also have an expanding relationship with the local newspapers as a contributor. The Lord has opened the door for me to contribute monthly to the Woodsboro Times and semi-regularly to the Frederick News Post. They are allowing me to post 800-word sermons into their columns. We are praying that God uses these columns to reach our community with God's Word!

In a few short weeks the weather should be warming up, which will give us the opportunity to get out to our community with the Gospel. In mid-April, Pastor Tom Fry, from Ambassador Baptist in Frederick, MD, is coordinating with some local churches to once again get **John** and **Romans** booklets into the Woodsboro/Walkersville areas. If you can help with this, please let me know. Any help, even for one day, would be appreciated. We are still praying for God to increase our assembly and are thankful for the many blessings He continues to bestow upon us! Thank you for your support and prayers!

Your Servants in Christ,

James and Sarah Bussard (Phoebe, Jimmy, and Andrea)

Proverbs 3:5-6

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