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Dear Churches and Friends,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

FURLOUGH:

Our furlough journey has taken us to Indiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New Hampshire, and Virginia, sharing the glorious Good News. Barbara has faithfully traveled thousands of miles with me, though she was sidelined for a time due to a severe case of poison ivy. Thankfully, she recovered and was recently able to teach a large group of children at a mission meeting in Indiana. She truly thrives serving the Lord on the front lines, but after years of service on the field and much travel on furlough, it would be great to spend some time with the children and grandchildren.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

It is a tremendous joy to witness the many Vacation Bible Schools taking place across the country of Venezuela in the churches we have planted with your partnership. We have seen hundreds of precious children attending these Vacation Bible Schools in our churches, eager to learn about Jesus Christ. What a testimony to the faithful labor of churches and volunteers who pour their lives into these young lives!

REACHING SOULS IN VENEZUELA:

My trip to Venezuela this August was a profound blessing. Due to U.S. sanctions, I must travel through a third country to enter Venezuela, which adds complexity to the journey. Upon arrival, I was interrogated at immigration—as is customary—but the Lord sustained me. Despite the challenges, the opportunity to minister and encourage believers was deeply rewarding. During that month, I distributed many tracts, Christian books, Bibles, and other Christian literature to churches. The Lord gave me many open doors to preach the gospel. Upon departing Venezuela, the US had a large fleet of Naval ships with marines on board, off the coast of Venezuela. Venezuela is and was put on maximum military alert. Therefore, when I started my departure, immigration detained me temporarily as a potential spy. Thanks to those who pray for us, I was able to leave and return home.

Thank you for your prayers and support,

Missionary in Venezuela

Jerry A. Alford

JEREMIAH 33:3

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