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Dear Ones in Christ,

Thank you for your continued prayer and interest in our life and ministry. I wanted to take a moment to bring you up to date on what we are doing and what the Lord is doing in us and through us.

I continue to serve the children in the 6th grade Dual-Language classes at Highland Middle School, where I am a teacher, providing for our family's financial needs. With social distancing and stay-at-home requirements in place due to COVID-19, I have been using the internet, text messaging and phone calls to help them handle personal needs at all levels, and to bring spiritual counsel and instruction to bear on problems. It has been amazing to me to see the freedom I have had during the school year to bring the message of God's redeeming plan, through Christ, into the classroom. The students read with me and write about the themes of redemption in the books we read together, books like the unabridged edition of Heidi and The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. I also teach world history, with themes on the development of civilization, the importance of law and truth, the story of the Patriarchs in Scripture, the rise of the Jewish nation and of Christianity. I tell the children the Bible stories and we talk openly of God, godly character and his love for each one of us. I teach in a public school so these themes are within the context of our curriculum, however, the message is still given in life and word.

Because of my relationship to almost 50 students, I have many opportunities to minister to their parents, most of whom speak only Spanish. I have been able to encourage them, counsel them and pray with them as they are trying to care for their families in a land and culture that is different from the land of their birth. Please pray for me as the dynamics of school life are yet to be determined and there is much fear and uncertainty. The students and their families need so much to hear a word of hope and certainty, the word that God gives to all those whose hearts are turned to Him.

Cheryl continues to meet weekly with a group of women to whom she is ministering. Her best friend and member of this small group recently passed away after a short illness. Please pray for

Cheryl as she and the members of her group mourn for their sister. Our children and grandchildren are doing well. Together with my daughter, Christina, we are caring for my parents, 88 and 92 years old, who have serious health issues. Our hope is in God for every day given to us in Him. Thank you for your prayers and support. We are

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Yours for Souls, Hal and Cheryl