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"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22

It is so wonderful to see how God is able to meet every need that we have had over the past few months. Even some things that my wife and I were praying about, that to be perfectly honest, we were not expecting God to give us right away; God has provided in ways that only He can. During the past month we have seen our support level rise almost 10%. Praise the Lord! We are currently at 59% of our needed financial support, and are waiting to hear back from 3 churches that are voting next week to take us on for support. We are very encouraged and grateful for how God has provided for us while on deputation.

Many of you will remember the trouble my wife has been having with back pain over the course of this past year. Thanks to your prayers, God has allowed Collette to be relatively pain free over the last few months. Our doctor had an MRI scheduled for the beginning of January to see what the source of the pain was. We met with our doctor a few weeks ago to discuss the results of the MRI, and the news was not good. The doctor explained that Collette has a large herniated disk in her lower back, and she might require surgery. We have another appointment scheduled with a specialist on February 13 to discuss treatment options. Please pray that God will give the specialist the wisdom for the best treatment, and that God will allow Collette to heal quickly with no complications. Although this is not encouraging news, we are confident that our God is able to make all grace abound to us (II Cor. 9:8) and meet every need that we have. Just the fact that Collette can physically stand (and without pain!) is a testament to God's grace. We know that God's hand has been upon Collette, and that He will take care of her through this time as well. Thank you for prayers for Collette already, and please continue to pray for her.

As we continue visiting churches this year, we still have a busy schedule before us. Collette will continue to travel with me as much as she can, but only as long as she is not in any more pain. We are trying to be very cautious with her. We are praying that God will bless us in our meetings this year, and that God will allow us to raise the support we need.

Please continue to pray for these requests:

1. God to give the doctors wisdom with Collette's back
2. Safety and good health while we travel many miles.
3. Opportunities to share Christ with others while traveling.
4. Wisdom and guidance from the Lord as we correspond with the Dutch government about obtaining residency permits.

In His Service,

Joel Michel and Family

Acts 26:18 "To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me."