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Dear Praying Friends,

Review: As most of you know from our last prayer letter, my family and I are back in the States. It is the first ministry change we have made in our lives. It was a soul-searching time but a move that I believe was best for our family and for the cause of Christ. We are now living in Yuma, Arizona, and are on a church-planting team with Dr. Joseph Elwell. The last two months have been very busy. At the beginning of July, we began to focus on literally moving around the world. In July I filled in at Bethel Baptist Church in Rota, Spain, for two weeks while Pastor John Beck went back to the States to be with his wife while she had surgery. After that I was given the opportunity to preach a few times in Lebrija and in Malaga, Spain. We left Spain on the 23rd of July. When we arrived Stateside, we spent a few days with my parents and then spent some time with Julie's family. We were able to secure transportation for our family. Then we made the long trek from Michigan to Arizona, arriving in Yuma on August 8. We were able to find a place to rent, and now we are settling into our new home. God has been very good to us through all of this.

The Present: Since we arrived in Yuma, we have been preparing for the start of Freedom Baptist Church. We were able to print 10,000 brochures. We have secured a building, and God has given us chairs for the church and has superintended over a myriad of other details. We are now in the streets knocking doors every day except Sunday. The first week was a little trying, as temperatures were around 115 degrees. While I was knocking doors, I saw a thermometer that said 120 degrees, and that was in the shade. I did not know it could get that hot. By the way, we have to stop every 15 to 20 minutes to cool down and drink some water. We are seeing firsthand what God can do through a team and how God uniquely uses each member to play an important role in the work of the ministry. One thing we are doing on Saturday evenings is to drive around the city of Yuma praying and asking God to do a work here and raise up men and their families for his service.

The Future: One of the things that brought me to Yuma to work on the team with Bro. Elwell was his vision for this area. Bro. Elwell, while pastoring in West Virginia, helped start 14 churches out of his church and has been involved in starting 35 churches. His vision for Freedom Baptist Church is to start churches in the Southwest. We are 10 miles from California and 18 miles from Mexico, and there are many small towns on either side of the border without a Baptist church. Our goal over the next five years is to see 25 preachers out of Freedom Baptist Church. We would like part of that number to be Spanish-speaking preachers going back to their own people and starting churches among them. Our immediate goal is to get Freedom Baptist Church up and running and then branch out and begin to reach into the large Hispanic population that is here.

We are able to be part of this team because you have continued to support us. Because of your support for our family, you will be taking a direct part in establishing a vibrant Baptist church in the next month. You have faithfully supported us in while in Spain, and we ask for your continued support for this church-planting ministry. If you have any questions, please call me at (928)750-1209, or e-mail me at jwitte7@juno.com.

Laborers together,

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