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Dear Supporting Friends,

Wow! What a VBS summer we had this year. It was great! We saw a lot of kids come to Christ and we were in some new churches. The preaching includes, of course, the Law and as a result some of the kids that get saved are in tears about their sin! We've seen the convicting power of the Holy Spirit without coercion or fleshly manipulation. Praise the Lord! Some churches that had never done a VBS or hadn't done one in a long time really got excited about it. Our family nights also went well and churches reported that some of the adults were in church the following Sunday. Praise the Lord! We try to emphasize that the VBS is more of a "Family Revival" meeting than just a vacation Bible school. For pictures from this year's VBS, go to our web page at www.hopetoledo.org/Walkers.html. We were blessed to conduct 10 VBS's, along with preaching a youth camp, a family camp, and at a tent meeting.

Many of you have asked about our oldest daughter, Rachel Barkowski, and the birth of our second grand baby. Charles Edward IV was born on Aug. 30th healthy and happy! Mom is doing well also. Praise the Lord we were able to be there for this one's birth! Their target date for going overseas is next summer. We are very grateful to Gospel Light Baptist Church and Pastor Vince Giardino for opening up the church "campground" for about a month which enabled us to minister in local churches and be with our daughter. They were such a blessing to our entire family. We got to meet some great pastors in the western New York "Bible-belt" and are looking forward to getting together with them again in the future.

Also, some have been wondering about our bus and how it is running. I'm glad to report that the transmission is working great and the bus is running better than it ever has run. We have a few minor issues, and are planning on resolving those soon. We did have an interesting experience coming back from northern Michigan. The first week of August we were in Central Lake, finished VBS on Friday night and had to be in central Ohio by Saturday afternoon. About midnight somewhere in central MI I notice something laying on the road. Looked like a pile of rocks. As I looked up I saw something flying toward the windshield. Fortunately, the object missed the windshield but took out my directional light. Little damage, but could have been bad! We attribute our safety to the prayers of God's people. We all greatly appreciate and covet your prayers! I contacted the Michigan Highway Patrol about the incident and they told me that they did have a suspect at the time. We'll wait and see what comes of this situation.

We're looking forward now to concentrating on the preaching and singing aspect of our ministry. Revivals, street meetings, and special meetings are a real blessing and it allows us to be involved in ministries around the country. Please pray that God will open many doors of opportunity for ministry as we work on our 2009 - 2010 schedule.

Thanks again for your prayers, concern, and support! After being on the road now for about 9 years, the kindest words I hear from Christians are "I'll be praying for you." That's a blessing!

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