

Dear Friends at First Christian Church of Beloit,

It has been a while since we last wrote you. We have had a full two months since our last letter. Early in the month we were driving back from Bayard, Neb., where we moved our youngest, Matthew, to start his first full time teaching job. I pointed out to Sara that after over 42 years, for the first time we truly were empty nesters. That was an amazing thought, as of the 12th, we hit our 44th anniversary. Through all this time God has been so faithful, and we are amazed as we look back over these years.

Matthew got a job teaching Spanish in a small town near Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and it appears to be a quality school system. There is a little evangelical church in the town that we attended while moving him out and we were excited to see the quality of the people and the pastor.

Our son Tim also got a job as a hospice chaplain for a new hospice ministry in this area of Nebraska. We are praising God for this as he will be able to use his seminary training in a unique way as he works with people who are facing eternity in their near future.

Sara has been gearing up for Child Evangelism Good News Clubs in the public school. The first week of August she organized a hand painting table at the local county fair. Various pictures are drawn on kids hands with the colors of the Wordless book. As the painting is done, moving from one color to the other, the Gospel is shared. Several of the teens from the church youth group participated and this was excellent experience for them. At the end of the painting a personal invitation was given for them to come to Good News Clubs starting in another week in the school. We would appreciate your prayers for more workers for this. This is an excellent opportunity to reach public school children who have not heard the Gospel.

We are almost done with the music videos for the Obrerofiel site. But we would ask your prayers for one of our national co-worker who follows up on many inquiries on the web site. Ivonne, this friend and faithful worker, also operates a book store in a little building selling Christian books and Bibles. The landlord recently died and his family gave notice that the building where the bookstore is located must be vacated in two months time. This building is also where she does all her work with the online Bible school and inquiries. She had a very reasonable rent, so any other space is likely going to cost a lot more and will be a hardship. Pray that God will lead her to a new location that would accommodate the book store, and pray for people to help move the store. As you can imagine, there are thousands of books to be moved.

I also ask for the little Christian School I have been helping at the past two years. It seems that there is less and less interest on the part of churches in the town in Christian Education. I have talked to some of them, saying the public school trains the mind and builds up the body but leaves out the training of the spirit of children, which is the eternal part of each of us. But they still feel that public schools are adequate for the children in their churches, so we are facing a crisis of whether we can continue or not.

We truly live in changing times and are thankful for the opportunity to see God glorified as we seek to make ourselves available. My mobility is improving from my three leg surgeries but is very slow

and painful. Due to a lack of insurance coverage I had to end therapy a year ago and have been walking incorrectly the past year. As a result the pelvis had torqued out of shape and my mobility was getting worse and worse. So I am in therapy again and they are trying to pull things back into shape and re adjust the alignment and get the muscles to stretch to a correct position. It's extremely painful and there are days that it gets to be more than I want to continue, but I keep on pushing on, knowing that if I don't, I will be a cripple for the rest of my life.

We will be traveling to Mexico the last week of October to attend a missions leaders meeting. We are praying that this will give us a chance to see what is happening with the camp and to maybe help get some things back on track. It seems that a lot has gone downhill since we left, which grieves us. Pray that relationships could be healed and God be glorified. Prayer changes things!

Thank you once again for your prayers for us. We continue to see God working in special ways and we trust Him for the future, even when things look more bleak than what we want to see. May the Lord bless you as you continue to pray for us. Thank you for standing with us.

Your servants in Christ,

Rich & Sara Musgrave