



*My grace is sufficient for you,  
for power is perfected in weakness.  
2 Corinthians 12:9*

We hope this greeting finds you well and blessed! We are sorry that we cannot share this update in person with each and every one of you. You have all contributed to our lives in many significant ways, and for that we are truly grateful. In turn, we really look forward to hearing from all of you!

Time seems to slip by so much more quickly each year. The word of God is so true when it states, "how fleeting my life is" and "my entire lifetime is just a moment to you" (Psalm 39: 4-5). Sadly, we spend most of our time pursuing earthly things rather than the eternal God. It is difficult for us to grasp our mortality especially when we are young. However, as we experience the reality of our bodies aging due to the consequences of sin, we recognize our need for "the cure". That cure is to repent of our sins and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior! Thank you, God, for sending Him as a frail, helpless infant to live a sinless life, bear our sins on the cross, and be raised from the dead!! We are so excited to celebrate another Christmas and all that Jesus has done for us in the past year!

It seems that everything has changed for us this year. In January we felt the Lord leading us to move to Mankato and minister at Minnesota State University (MSU) full-time (Johnathan had been going there for 12 years, one day/week). We had discussed it in spring of 2006, but were not ready or "in faith" at the time. We had tucked it in our hearts and continued to pray. Since that discussion, however, God gave us "Faith Rose", our third child. So, this time when the discussion came up, we both had the "faith" from the Holy Spirit. So, we discussed it with the elders of our church Feb. 3, and received confirmation that we should make the move.

Our goal was to get our house on the market by Mar. 1 and sold by May. We knew this would be a miracle with the all of the remodeling/painting needed and the market slump in Mpls/St. Paul area. Miraculously, it was on the market by Mar. 3 with much help from many friends (thank you!). After 43 showings in 52 days, the Lord sold our house for a price above estimated market value! The closing was to happen on May 23. However, at that point, we did not have a house in Mankato to move to! To make a very long story short, the Lord sovereignly lead us to buy a wonderful 6 bedroom/3 full bath home 2 blocks from campus, and we closed in only 3 weeks from making the offer-on the same day our house sold!

Now, keep in mind that Heather was pregnant, due July 23, during all of the packing, remodeling, moving, and unpacking. Plus, we have 3 wonderful little girls that need tending to every moment!! Heather also believed that the Lord was speaking to her to end her part-time job in May at the University of Minnesota and focus on the homefront, which proved to be a very wise decision. There were many late nights for Johnathan painting/fixing and Heather organizing, but God's grace was and is sufficient! Johnathan finished the major work on our Mankato home just before Isaiah John's birth on July 24, 2008. We even had an Olive Garden date the evening before he was born, celebrating the "due date". All the garlic got labor going at about 11:30 pm, and he was born by 6:06 am. Heather's prayer was answered to endure labor without medications; she stayed home as long as she could (hospital is 5 minutes away)! Thank you, Jesus. What an exhilarating moment when he was born!!! The Lord gave us his name 5 years ago, and what a blessing to finally meet him!

With the move, a newborn, and beginning a "new" ministry at MSU, you'd think that would be enough changes. However, we also began homeschool with Evangeline this year. The Lord coordinated that, too, as Isaiah slept through the night for the first time the night before our first day of school!!! We are really enjoying spending the days learning together.

As for the ministry, God has been moving in marvelous ways. Johnathan was faithfully preaching outdoors on the campus in the beautiful fall days, drawing many students to think about the things of God. Since MSU is a relatively small campus (14,000), most students pass through its center each day. Johnathan is now known as "the preacher" and has become a familiar face on the campus. Many students still approach him with questions and to engage discussion as a result. One student from Nepal, in particular, wanted to know how to hear God's voice, and subsequently introduced us to about 20 Nepalese students who are hungry to hear about God. We have given them Bibles and Jesus movies in their language, and they love conversations with us about Jesus. Their background is primarily Hindu. There are also other students from Pakistan, Sudan, and Nigeria Johnathan has been regularly conversing with. We moved to Mankato, just knowing that God said, "Go!" Now that we are here, we are excited for the "international" ministry that God is growing.

The days are rich with moments with the children that we wish we could bottle up and take out and experience over and over again. Evangeline is growing in her artistic abilities, and she loves to make cards for friends. She and her sisters sit together and draw on their Doodle Pros. She has a fascination about the body/bones and loves books. She is also an actress and her creativity and imagination is wonderful. She is beginning reading and memorizing scripture. Isabel is such a joy and is our sunshine, smiling girl. She loves to "work out" with me (on her toy horse) while I am on the elliptical cross-trainer (the whole half-hour)! Her language is getting much clearer, and she is repeating much of what everyone says. She loves rhythm and rhyme in everyday life, music, and books. Faith is so impressive in her organization and clean-up skills; she helps keep the house tidy. She sings many songs by memory-her favorite is "Jesus loves me." She's adopted all of the unclaimed stuffed animals in the house. Isaiah is such a happy, smiley, sweet boy who loves it when Mama sings to him. He is rolling over and really enjoys our doorway jumper. Johnathan is so glad to have a little man in the house and says so every chance he gets!

Once again we are enclosing a one-year Bible schedule on the reverse of this letter. Don't let another day pass you by without reading the BIBLE (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth)! The TRUTH will set you free (John 8:32)!

***With much love, Johnathan, Heather, Evangeline, Isabel, Faith and Isaiah Bislew***

Week	Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels	Epistles
1	Gen 1-3	Josh 1-5	Ps 1-2	Job 1-2	Isa 1-6	Matt 1-2	Rom 1-2
2	Gen 4-7	Josh 6-10	Ps 3-5	Job 3-4	Isa 7-11	Matt 3-4	Rom 3-4
3	Gen 8-11	Josh 11-15	Ps 6-8	Job 5-6	Isa 12-17	Matt 5-7	Rom 5-6
4	Gen 12-15	Josh 16-20	Ps 9-11	Job 7-8	Isa 18-22	Matt 8-10	Rom 7-8
5	Gen 16-19	Josh 21-24	Ps 12-14	Job 9-10	Isa 23-28	Matt 11-13	Rom 9-10
6	Gen 20-23	Judg 1-6	Ps 15-17	Job 11-12	Isa 29-33	Matt 14-16	Rom 11-12
7	Gen 24-27	Judg 7-11	Ps 18-20	Job 13-14	Isa 34-39	Matt 17-19	Rom 13-14
8	Gen 28-31	Judg 12-16	Ps 21-23	Job 15-16	Isa 40-44	Matt 20-22	Rom 15-16
9	Gen 32-35	Judg 17-21	Ps 24-26	Job 17-18	Isa 45-50	Matt 23-25	I Cor 1-2
10	Gen 36-39	Ruth	Ps 27-29	Job 19-20	Isa 51-55	Matt 26-28	I Cor 3-4
11	Gen 40-43	I Sam 1-5	Ps 30-32	Job 21-22	Isa 56-61	Matt 1-2	I Cor 5-6
12	Gen 44-47	I Sam 6-10	Ps 33-35	Job 23-24	Isa 62-66	Matt 3-4	I Cor 7-8
13	Gen 48-50	I Sam 11-15	Ps 36-38	Job 25-26	Jer 1-6	Matt 5-6	I Cor 9-10
14	Ex 1-4	I Sam 16-20	Ps 39-41	Job 27-28	Jer 7-11	Matt 7-8	I Cor 11-12
15	Ex 5-8	I Sam 21-25	Ps 42-44	Job 29-30	Jer 12-16	Matt 9-10	I Cor 13-14
16	Ex 9-12	I Sam 26-31	Ps 45-47	Job 31-32	Jer 17-21	Matt 11-12	I Cor 15-16
17	Ex 13-16	II Sam 1-4	Ps 48-50	Job 33-34	Jer 22-26	Mark 13-14	II Cor 1-3
18	Ex 17-20	II Sam 5-9	Ps 51-53	Job 35-36	Jer 27-31	Mark 15-16	II Cor 4-5
19	Ex 21-24	II Sam 10-14	Ps 54-56	Job 37-38	Jer 32-36	Luke 1-2	II Cor 6-8
20	Ex 25-28	II Sam 15-19	Ps 57-59	Job 39-40	Jer 37-41	Luke 3-4	II Cor 9-10
21	Ex 29-32	II Sam 20-24	Ps 60-62	Job 41-42	Jer 42-46	Luke 5-6	II Cor 11-13
22	Ex 33-36	I Kings 1-4	Ps 63-65	Prov 1	Jer 47-52	Luke 7-8	Gal 1-3
23	Ex 37-40	I Kings 5-9	Ps 66-68	Prov 2-3	Lam	Luke 9-10	Gal 4-6
24	Lev 1-3	I Kings 10-13	Ps 69-71	Prov 4	Eze 1-6	Luke 11-12	Eph 1-3
25	Lev 4-6	I Kings 14-18	Ps 72-74	Prov 5-6	Eze 7-12	Luke 13-14	Eph 4-6
26	Lev 7-9	I Kings 19-22	Ps 75-77	Prov 7	Eze 13-18	Luke 15-16	Phil 1-2
27	Lev 10-12	II Kings 1-5	Ps 78-80	Prov 8-9	Eze 19-24	Luke 17-18	Phil 3-4
28	Lev 13-15	II Kings 6-10	Ps 81-83	Prov 10	Eze 25-30	Luke 19-20	Col 1-2
29	Lev 16-18	II Kings 11-15	Ps 84-86	Prov 11-12	Eze 31-36	Luke 21-22	Col 3-4
30	Lev 19-21	II Kings 16-20	Ps 87-89	Prov 13	Eze 37-42	Luke 23-24	I Thes 1-3
31	Lev 22-24	II Kings 21-25	Ps 90-92	Prov 14-15	Eze 43-48	John 1-2	I Thes 4-5
32	Lev 25-27	I Chr 1-4	Ps 93-95	Prov 16	Dan 1-6	John 3-4	II Thes
33	Num 1-4	I Chr 5-9	Ps 96-98	Prov 17-18	Dan 7-12	John 5-6	I Tim 1-3
34	Num 5-8	I Chr 10-14	Ps 99-101	Prov 19	Hosea 1-7	John 7-9	I Tim 4-6
35	Num 9-12	I Chr 15-19	Ps 102-104	Prov 20-21	Hosea 8-17	John 10-12	II Tim 1-2
36	Num 13-16	I Chr 20-24	Ps 105-107	Prov 22	Joel	John 13-15	II Tim 3-4
37	Num 17-20	I Chr 25-29	Ps 108-110	Prov 23-24	Amos 1-4	John 16-18	Titus
38	Num 21-24	II Chr 1-5	Ps 111-113	Prov 25	Amos 5-9	John 19-21	Phile
39	Num 25-28	II Chr 6-10	Ps 114-116	Prov 26-27	Obad	Acts 1-2	Heb 1-4
40	Num 29-32	II Chr 11-15	Ps 117-118	Prov 28	Jonah	Acts 3-4	Heb 5-7
41	Num 33-36	II Chr 16-20	Ps 119	Prov 29-30	Micah	Acts 5-6	Heb 8-10
42	Deut 1-3	II Chr 21-24	Ps 120-121	Prov 31	Nahum	Acts 7-8	Heb 11-13
43	Deut 4-6	II Chr 25-28	Ps 122-124	Ecc 1-2	Hab	Acts 9-10	James 1-3
44	Deut 7-9	II Chr 29-32	Ps 125-127	Ecc 3-4	Zeph	Acts 11-12	James 4-5
45	Deut 10-12	II Chr 33-36	Ps 128-130	Ecc 5-6	Hag	Acts 13-14	I Pet 1-3
46	Deut 13-15	Ezra 1-5	Ps 131-133	Ecc 7-8	Zech 1-7	Acts 15-16	I Pet 4-5
47	Deut 16-19	Ezra 6-10	Ps 134-136	Ecc 9-10	Zech 8-14	Acts 17-18	II Pet
48	Deut 20-22	Neh 1-4	Ps 137-139	Ecc 11-12	Mal	Acts 19-20	I John 1-3
49	Deut 23-25	Neh 5-9	Ps 140-142	Song 1-2	Rev 1-6	Acts 21-22	I John 4-5
50	Deut 26-28	Neh 10-13	Ps 143-145	Song 3-4	Rev 7-11	Acts 23-24	II John
51	Deut 29-31	Est 1-5	Ps 146-148	Song 5-6	Rev 12-17	Acts 25-26	III John
52	Deut 32-34	Est 6-10	Ps 149-150	Song 7-8	Rev 18-22	Acts 27-28	Jude