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Dear partners in the gospel,

Let me give you a quick update on where we are, what we're doing, and how you can pray for us.

October was a busy but good month. We spent time in three churches in Wisconsin and Minneapolis, and found each one to be a great blessing. The past five months have been kind of like a composite church internship in which I've been able to observe ministries of varying ages and learn from pastors who've candidly shared their philosophies, strengths, weaknesses, etc. with me. Being with men like this really makes me want to shepherd a flock, but don't worry, I'm not quitting on Cambodia yet.

Thanks to some very kind friends in one of our churches, October also afforded us a chance for a few days of R&R in a sweet little cabin in northern Wisconsin. So, the summer family vacation that we never got now came with two different days of Wisconsin snow. Cambodian weather is looking sweeter all the time.

Right now, we're on our way back to the place where our journeys began five months ago, Morning Star Baptist in Rockford, IL. We'll be joining with our friends there this Lord's Day, and I'll be preaching in their evening service. Why go to the same church twice when there are many other potential supporters out there? I guess part of the reason is that we've got some great friends there and just want to reconnect as we pass through. But there really is more to it than that—

part of the philosophy that's guiding our pre-Cambodia phase of ministry is that the relationship between church and missionary should be more than financial. We're looking for partnerships in which churches who are fully on board with our mission send us out, well aware of our goals, strengths and weaknesses, fully embracing our Cambodian mission as their own. One of the ways we're seeking to accomplish this is through multiple visits with our potential partners. So for the next three weeks, we'll be spending time with the first three churches we met with when we started travelling in June. We thoroughly enjoyed our time in each of these churches, and we're very eager to enjoy their fellowship again.

Revisiting Rockford is not a complete rerun though. The town is home to at least two different gospel preaching Laotian churches. On Saturday, I'll be joining one of them for an informal gathering where I hope to share our vision for Cambodia and Laos and to get their input. Please pray that this will be a profitable meeting.

Thank you very much for your prayers for us and for the Lao of Cambodia. Please press on and keep in touch.

Grace and peace,

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