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Dear Praying Friends,

I thank you all for keeping me in your prayers. I am so thankful for you all!

It is a busy season around here, and things won't be slowing down any time soon. At least until after summer has passed!

Preparations are already underway for Vacation Bible School in July. I was able to attend a VBS workshop with Rosa, one of our Sunday school teachers, this year! We traveled to Houston and each attended special classes to better equip ourselves and our church for kid's ministry. Soon, we will begin the training and decorating process at Bethesda Baptist Church here in McAllen.

We are also having a special outreach week with a group from Bethesda Baptist Church (another church of the same name) in Monterrey, Mexico. They will go door to door with us all week, inviting people to a special carnival and service on Saturday evening. We are having lots of carnival games, food, and prizes, all for free!

We hope to give the great news of Jesus, which is forgiveness of sins through faith!

Please pray for open hearts to hear of God's great love.

We also plan on taking our kids and teens to Southland Christian Camp in Louisiana this summer. So, fundraising time is upon us. We have already had one event, and we plan on having more.

For Mother's Day in May, we are hoping to pair with a local women's shelter that works with victims of domestic violence. We hope to be a blessing to them and share the truth of God's love with them.

Please pray with us for an open door and for God's leading in this area. It is so important for our church to focus on reaching our community with the love of God.

Thank you again for your faithful support.

I am including pictures of the VBS training, as well as some of our musicians.

In Christ,

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