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Dear Praying Friends,

Fall is upon us, which means our mission conference time! This year, we had four missionary families with us. I always really enjoy getting to know the missionary families better. I find it helps me pray better for them and their needs. We had missionaries from Israel, Norway, and Mexico at our conference. We also enjoyed learning about these countries and some other countries where we support missionaries at our international dinner on Saturday. We formed groups to decorate tables, give info about the countries/missionaries, represent the clothing, and cook delicious food from those countries. Seeing the effort each group put in to represent these countries was exciting. And the food was, of course, delicious! On Sunday, we ended the conference with a candlelight service. For those who have never experienced a candlelight service, we began in the dark, with only a few candles shining. Each candle represented our missionaries in different countries. Each person with the candle moved to share their light with the audience, and the light spread slowly until everyone held a candle. This represented the spread of the gospel throughout the world. The space was lit up with candlelight until the pastor told everyone to extinguish their candles. Only he remained with a candle, and the contrast of darkness was a reminder of our great responsibility to share the good news of Jesus with others and to send light where we personally cannot go. We must share our light, that great light of Jesus Christ!

*"For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6*

I will include pictures of our international dinner at the bottom of the letter.

Fall also means planning next year's events! Each year our church members fill out a survey of any areas they are interested in serving. Whether that be helping/teaching in Sunday school, nursery, cleaning, ushering, or helping/organizing special events. Then, the church leadership sets the calendar for next year, and organizes the helpers. Please pray for wisdom for us as we begin the planning process. There are many decisions to make and activities to plan. I am especially looking forward to returning to the Women's Shelter for Domestic Violence around Mother's Day. Please pray we can return and share God's love with them in 2025.

Thank you all for your continued prayers and support! May God bless you as you continue to serve Him!

In Christ,

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