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Dear Praying Friends,

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With the school year coming to a close, that means my favorite time of the year is nearing. Vacation Bible School! This year, I am training one of our ladies in VBS administration. She and two of our other Sunday School teachers attended a Lifeway VBS conference at Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Houston for a couple of days. We each took 6 different training sessions and were able to discuss what we learned together. Some of the session topics included working with different age groups, including adults and teens; working with special needs kids; ways to focus on the gospel with kids; and church safety practices focused on children's safety. Among many other topics. The knowledge we gained was incredibly beneficial to us teachers and to several other church ministries. If you ever have the opportunity to attend a training, I highly recommend it!

As we have been preparing for VBS, I have seen how amazing it is to have someone helping with the planning and administration! Please pray for us as we finish preparations and start our teacher training this very next week. Our teacher volunteers will receive their lessons and learn how to navigate the material. We will also begin decorating since we are a month out from our start date. We will have lots of fun with neon colors this year!

In the midst of VBS planning, this year has also brought personal challenges with my parents' health, especially my dad's. I went to Fort Worth for a couple of weeks to help my dad while my mom was out of town. Since arriving back home, my dad has had to have surgery for his heart and also his leg/foot. Unfortunately, he had to have a toe amputated and is currently in a rehab facility. Please pray for his healing. I also ask for prayers for my mom as she is navigating things.

Please also keep Missionaries Daniel and Michelle Jones in your prayers as they are also dealing with health issues. They are currently up north seeking medical attention for Michelle. Our church people are stepping up to serve in their absence. Pray for Bethesda Baptist Church, for more people willing to serve, and, in particular, that God would send a family to serve alongside us full-time.

I appreciate your prayers greatly. I am also very grateful for your support. May God bless you all abundantly! Attached are pictures of the VBS conference and of us teachers baking to sell goodies and raise funds for our Houston trip.

In Christ,

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