

Dear ,

Eagle News:

I'm in shock again to see how long it has been since I've written, but perhaps quarterly letter writing is the best I can do just now... I hope this letter find you very well!!

A lot has happened since I last wrote in January.

Steve was hospitalized with pneumonia for 4 days. His heart is always in afib (irregular heart beat) and it was beating at an alarmingly fast rate. They modified his medications to slow it down and sent us home. I was concerned because I expected his heart to return to his 'normal' after the pneumonia was gone (that took a few more days). I asked the doctors about having his heart medications too high and how we would know when to lower the doses and remove the new meds. They laughed and said we would know because he would pass out. A few days later we were at the court for Scypio. Steve went out to get a drink and shortly after he left, they came running in to tell me he was passed out in the lobby! We went back to the hospital when he found out he had broken his back in the fall (L1). He has been recovering for weeks now but is finally moving around more like he did before. Yesterday we met with a physical therapy doctor and Steve will start core strengthening within the next couple of weeks.

George has moved out. He was accepted into the construction school but decided to accept a new job doing cement work instead. He was not happy or comfortable living here. He did not want to invest himself into building family relationships within our home, but he is quite happy with his girlfriend, Michelle (a lovely, Christian woman).

Dave has a new job as a painter and is quite happy about it! He bought a beautiful truck a few weeks ago – blue Dodge Ram.

Bob recently started working at the airport. He got his first pay check last week and quite excited to be able to get some of the things he has been wanting to get (glasses and steel toe boots). It's very different for us not having him home all the time, but he is loving it and enjoying his new freedom. He takes the train to work each day and considers it an adventure. He arrives home each evening very tired, showers, eats, has devotions with us, processes his day with us, then goes to sleep. He gets up at 3:30 each morning to get ready for work. Peanut (our dog) is having a difficult time with her Bob not being home all the time. She misses walking him... ;-)

Steve B is still working for Eagles' Nest and we are thrilled to have his support. He is amazing and can do anything we ask him to do. He has the plants all growing beautifully and the house in great repair! He bought a truck last month to use for a couple of years while he builds credit for getting his motorcycle.

James has a new job – still in welding, but better hours, better work, and more pay. He usually comes over a couple of times a week and we look forward to spending time with him.

Last week Audie came to worship with us. We are just getting to know him, but it is wonderful that God brought him to join our family.

Mike, Steve B, Chuck and Dave have band/worship practice each Tuesday evening now. I look forward to it almost as much as our Saturday meetings.

Sekou is the night manager at Peddler and Sons now. He works a lot of hours. We get to see him for dinner each week and are hoping he will be able to rejoin our fellowship again soon.

Henry is still living in Ed's home. He and his wife join us each Saturday for worship and fellowship. He was over this morning to help Mike, Steve B, and Dave move a door from Chuck's house to ours. Steve B is going to replace our current back (french) doors with the new door – it is beautiful. Henry recently got permission to talk with his daughter on the phone – he is quite excited. He also was able to get his level reduced from a 3 to a 2. He met with the assessment person and discussed his progress and they lowered his level!!

Kevin and Sekou are still not allowed (by probation) to worship or fellowship with us. Please pray that will change soon...

Chuck continues to grow stronger. He usually presents a message each week during worship and fellowship time. He plays the keyboard for the band. Gloria prepares the sheets for everyone to use for singing. They are a great blessing!!

Last we heard from Shawn, he was being arrested and was quite upset. He is still in CA and we haven't heard any more in the last few weeks. We had sent him all his paperwork in January, but it came back this week.

Travis and his wife, April, plan to move back from Colorado to Arizona after early May. We are hoping they will stop by and see us – we miss them!

Willetta has sold and we no longer need to pay for or worry about it. We started looking at buildings for the church the week it sold. We made an offer last night for a warehouse not too far from our current home. It will not only provide a place for the church to meet, but it will provide a lot of space for the men to start small businesses. We are hoping their businesses will take off and provide work for those coming home. In addition to the warehouse (zoned A1 – industrial), the property has 2 empty R5 lots and a P1 lot. If this goes through, we will be set for many years to come. The R5 lots will allow us to build 2 additional homes or maybe a trailer court – we will wait for God to lead and provide. (As always)

Boeing has postponed my lay off until 2019, so for now, I am still employed.

So...how can you pray? Please pray for Steve and Chuck as they continue to recover.

Please pray for God's people, that they will focus on God, listen carefully and always obey. Pray that we will all love Him with all our hearts, souls, and minds, that He will make us feel and see what He feels and sees and that we will all represent Him VERY well!

Please pray that in addition to loving and supporting each other, we reflect Our Lord so that those not already in relationship with Him will be drawn to Him.

Steve and I are feeling VERY blessed! God is faithful. God is more than capable. Please pray the we keep our focus on Him and that He receive all the praise and glory!

We want to be exactly where God wants us, doing exactly what He wants us to do – all the time.

Blessings!

Steve and Deb Schmidt