

Dear ,

Eagle News:

I hope this letter find you very well and filled with His peace and joy!!

As I wrote before, Steve broke his L1 disk and continues to recover. He is faithfully doing his physical therapy exercises to strengthen his core.

Dave is continuing to paint for Tradesmen (and he cooks incredible food for us, but that's neither here nor there) ;-). At his last job, one of the supervisors offered to help him start up his own business, so he is in the process of reinstating his license and gathering employees. I think James plans to help him by being a supervisor. Our daughter, Sarah, is going to help with the office / admin type work and may help with assisting with painting. There's a man, Ross, that has been helping with Dave's sons since just after Dave went to prison. Dave has started building a friendship with Ross and Ross says he knows other men that need to work, so they think they will have a healthy pool of people to work with his new company. Dave filed for divorce a couple of days ago and Amber came over and signed the acceptance document yesterday. They will share custody of their sons. I'm excited to see Dave getting to father – ok, if I be completely honest, I'm very excited to have a couple more grandsons!!! Dave has an incredible amount of change facing him in a very short amount of time. He is young and confident and very capable, but please keep him lifted in prayer. Some of the things that he is facing could be discouraging, pray for his strength and perspective.

Dave is also preparing to paint our house. It will be off white with blue trim. The new barn, fences and house will all match. This weekend the guys are coming over to install a new back door. I'm quite happy about the improvements and VERY grateful for the talents the Eagle men are so free to share with us!

Bob is nearly done with his work probation time at the airport (the 90-day period that they can fire you without giving any reason). He is loving it! He has lost quite a bit of weight and moves around easier. His relationship with Our Lord has increased and he amazes me with the wisdom and discernment that comes out of his mouth. His knee is hurting him sometimes, so please keep that in your prayers. We went to Tucson with him a couple of weeks ago to visit / meet his Mom and had a great time. He's at the movies right now – first time in a couple decades. I hope he is having a great time – movie (The Avengers), popcorn and soda!

Chuck continues to recover. He started taking a vitamin supplement that is allowing him to lose weight and have energy. I'm watching to see how he does and considering following suit. He and Gloria continue to lead worship.

Recently many of the men have had polygraph tests and all have passed! God is so very good!

Band / worship practice continues each Tuesday evening and is incredibly encouraging. Worship / fellowship continues on Saturday evenings. Sometimes I am barely able to contain myself when I look around at the wonderful family God has brought together. The love, humor and talent are overwhelming!

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

We've heard that Travis and April are back in Arizona, but we have not seen them yet.

In order to use the warehouse, we found out that it would need a zoning change. Because of that, it would need a lot of improvements before we could start using it. We had to back out. This week a house on Taylor (one street south of us) came back on the market. Our offer has been accepted and escrow is open. We are hoping that Mike and / or Sekou will move into it and we can either use it for the church or at least as parking for the church.

In a funny change of events, Boeing offered me a retention bonus if I will stay until July 2019 and transfer my knowledge to others located in the area where they want the team. I would've transferred my knowledge without the incentive, but it will be nice to have... In July of next year, they will evaluate if I am surplus in Mesa or not. If they find me to be surplus, they will lay me off with the normal package (the retention bonus does not affect the layoff package). Long and short of it, God saw to it that they gave me a bonus instead of a pink slip. God is amazing!!

Steve and I will be taking Sarah's children with us on vacation to Colorado in a couple of weeks. We are looking forward to the trip and spending family time.

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