Dear Kevin,

## **Eagle News:**

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

Worship last week was incredible! It was our first baptism service and two of us were baptized. We meet at the home that Henry manages and Jose owns. It has a swimming pool. It was the first time our two ministries officially joined together in worship – even though they are our sister ministry and many of their men worship with us! Sekou gave a salvation sermon. Then Christina and Bob were baptized. Christina accepted Christ as a child, but had never been baptized. Bob was baptized before, but desired to demonstrate his obedience and dedication to our Lord again. Both were very special to me, because I love them both so very much.

Christina had invited one of her friends, Red, from work to attend. Turns out Red's husband is a registered citizen – who knew – well, that's a silly question, God did!! Red and her husband, Bob, have been missing worshipping at church together. After the service, they let Sekou know that God spoke to their hearts and they will be coming to our church. God is awesome!! It constantly amazes me how He works so many angles that I am unaware of!! I know, you'd think by now I'd expect it of Him and not be surprised, but there it is...

Henry and his wife, Aralia, prepared dinner for us. Carne Asada with tortillas, salsa, and guacamole. It was delicious!! Afterwards, we had cake with cheesecake filling and vanilla gelato. Yes, we do follow the Baptist tradition of always having a time of eating and fellowship! (Although we are a non-denominational church)

So...on to other news.



Mike, our worship leader, was not able to attend the baptism. His sister, Dee, was dying. Early this morning she went home to be with Jesus. Mike is doing ok, but please lift him and his other sister, Deni, up. It will take a while for them to adjust.

Dave and Carrie Ann are still doing very well. They continue to bless us with their servants' heart. They are both tuned in to the needs of others and I am often the recipient of their loving care. God is so very good to me!! Please continue to pray they all continue to lean heavily on the God that will NEVER leave them, nor forsake them.

James has been working to get his new home ready to live in. The floors were put in earlier this week and the appliances were delivered this morning. We are rejoicing with him, but will miss him when he moves out. His mother painted an incredibly beautiful picture for us to put in the new sanctuary. It is a picture of Jesus with the lost lamb over his shoulders. Jesus is smiling (of course) – strong and rejoicing!



As most of you know, we are all 25 years old and holding here at Eagles' Nest. Here is the picture of the celebration for Luis, Steve B, and Mike this month.

So...how can you pray? Our prayer requests do not change, but are so very important to us! Thank you for praying and not growing weary. God answers these prayers (like you don't already know that) and they are essential to our well-being and success.

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 <u>all</u> 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