

Dear,

Eagle News:

I hope this letter find you very well and filled with His peace and joy!! Happy Veteran's Day!! If you are a veteran, thank you so very much for your service!!

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, I'd like to remind you to remember who and whose you are. You are men of the Most Holy God, purified by His blood, most loved and honored by God. You are my brothers and I love you and am quite proud of you!!! I wish you were all home and celebrating with us.

We believe that Christian will be coming home tomorrow and are VERY excited!! We've been corresponding with him for several months now. He has been in prison over 30 years.

The thing that has been consuming us here at the nest is putting in a new floor. The people that prepared it to sell to us, made shortcuts when installing the tile floor. Since we moved in 2 years ago, it has been deteriorating. The tiles and grout have been coming up and cracking. It had gotten to the point of being a safety issue. In early September, we were in Costco and a flooring salesman caught me at just the right moment. We scheduled them to come in and give us an estimate, then hired them to do our floor. It was supposed to be done by October 23<sup>rd</sup>, so we started packing up breakables and moving as much as possible off site. We cancelled church services in anticipation of immediate action. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, they called to schedule the removal of the current tile floors. I was furious, as we had been ready since early September. They said they couldn't come out for the removal of the floor for another week and the install would take 2 more weeks – they couldn't start that until November 4<sup>th</sup>. I fired them.

We (Steve B and I) started removing the current flooring and scheduled church fellowships to begin again. We bought another folding table for our dinners and have been meeting on the concrete floors. Demolition of the current flooring has turned out to be a big job. We have been working on it for 3 weeks now. Dave came by last Sunday to help and told us about a hydraulic tool. We went out and bought it and it did make the work easier. In the process of using the new tool, Dave separated a couple of his ribs. He is healing, but it's a slow process.

We went to Floor and Décor to purchase the new flooring. It is beautiful – vinyl, kind of an ash gray. It snaps together and is water proof. 500 lbs/square inch, so very durable. I'm thinking we will go to Home Depot to see about how to level the current floor...huge project!!

Today the step for the front door arrived – it's made of poplar wood and really beautiful!! Enough about floors!! (I really feel like enough about working on floors too) 😊

On Mondays, we go out for breakfast with Sekou. It's our time alone with him and we really enjoy it. So we went to breakfast this morning... Sekou is doing well. His right-hand man at work will be gone for about 6 months, so he is in the process of adjusting to working without him.

Mike sold his trailer to Glenn and moved into his sister's house. His sister, Dee, left it to him and his other sister, Deni, and they are sharing it now. They haven't decided yet what to do with it. He has been out with the flu for the last week. We miss him.

As I mentioned Steve B is helping with the floor, so...he is physically hurting and gets discouraged with me...but we do some fun. He says to let you know that even as difficult as it is out here, he is grateful to be out and free.

Dave and Carrie Ann are doing well. They are back in their home and have almost completely recovered from the water damage. Dave recently got a huge promotion and continues to lead his family in Christ.

James is facing a few challenges, but continues to move forward.

Bob had the surgery on his hammer toe and was in recovery for a couple of months. During his recovery, he got very bored and spent a lot of time cleaning the house...it was very nice for me. He is back to work now and is doing very well!

Henry is certified in HVAC and is loving his job. He's learning a lot about duct work, wiring, both for residential and commercial. He's staying out of trouble, passing his polys, and participating in group. He's doing well.

Glenn has moved out and we rarely hear from him. He purchased Mike's trailer and is doing very well.

Steve Bratton is doing very well. He continues to worship with us every week and we enjoy having him with us.

Kevin (Ray) leads worship sometimes now. He gave the guys a break a few weeks ago. This week he played the keyboard and led the songs (in our concrete floored worship center). He is doing well. He is working on passing some kidney stones and could use your prayers.

The Carfrey's are doing well. They are able to join us for worship sometimes. They have been working a lot on their landscape and the house looks great.

Luis has been visiting his grandmother on the weekends, so we no longer get to see him.

Doug got into a spot of trouble, so we no longer get to see him, but we are hoping he'll be back soon.

Audie is having arthritis problems, but he joins us most weeks. He works hard and keeps mostly to his self.

We have not heard from George, Randy, Shawn or Travis, so I cannot report on their progress or wellbeing.

My Steve is doing good. He has slowed down quite a bit, but says he's happy. He has helped out a bit with the floor.

I visited my sister in Indiana and had a great time. I also visited my daughter in Colorado and had a great time. Steve and I will be going to Tennessee next week. Steve's brother has gone home to heaven and we'll be participating in his celebration of life.

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, strength 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