

Dear ,

## Eagle News:

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

My mother had her follow up pet scan and is cancer free – her hair is returning too!! Art's brother who was diagnosed with bone cancer is doing very well. They are preparing him for a T-Cell treatment. I had friend that went through that treatment. It is very difficult, but highly successful. Please lift him and his family up in prayer.

My son-in-law's father, Joe, has recovered from COVID and pneumonia. My niece and her husband are now fighting it.

SO!!! God answered all our prayers! (as usual, we are so very spoiled)

All is well here. Steve and I will be meeting our grand-kids and my daughter/family at the Lone Wolf Lodge in Scottsdale in early December for a long weekend. We will be taking the 2 grandchildren that live in Arizona with us and there are 7 grandchildren coming from Colorado, so it was a long weekend of enjoying our grands. I'm really looking forward to it and if it goes well, I think we will make it a quarterly event (at least for the 2 that live here).

As I told you before, at the onset of COVID, God gave all the people that make up our church the same message. Psalm 91 – fear not, I will keep you safe! Henry spoke up at the start of our service and shared what God had told him. The rest of us sat listening in surprise as the same message had come to each of us individually! God is so incredibly good. We have continued to safely meet and lift each other in the midst of all the external (as in outside of our group) fear. When I was feeling like maybe we were not behaving responsibly, God spoke again using the verse about not allowing me to be ashamed for my faith in Him. He is more than able and has spoken clearly. We have had a couple people exposed, but they have tested negative. GOD IS SO VERY GOOD TO US!!!

The other Steve Barrett (not the one that lives with us) had back surgery a few weeks ago. Our Steve Barrett was also scheduled for testing on his back and they expected he would need the same surgery (yet another parallel). After Steve's test, the doctor told him that the break in his back is healed. He doesn't need surgery, but has severe arthritis. They are helping him to deal with his pain.



Steve sold his motorcycle to James when they told him he was going to need surgery. Yesterday he and my Steve purchased a great big white motorcycle. I'll try to get the name of it, if Steve comes out of his room while I'm still writing. It is a beautiful bike though (my perspective on motorcycles) 😊

Today we went to pick our 14 week old Maltese puppy. She is the runt of the litter, so only 3 pounds of fluffy fur and love. Steve B is keeping her safely in his room (as our cats are not fond of dogs). He is going to train her and be her primary care giver (OK, he is her Daddy) 😊



We celebrated Sekou's 25<sup>th</sup> birthday a couple of weeks ago. As many of you know, we each celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday each year... Here is the birthday family picture from that celebration!

Message from Bob: Our God who is faithful while in prison...is also faithful out of prison – so don't give up – hold fast to the one and only true friend 😊 All glory, honor and praise is highly due - no matter what. Amen!!? Glory to God. Love in Christ, Bob

Message from Eric: I have successfully complete parole; still having phantom GPS buzzes and at time I get this overwhelming

sense that I have to charge the monitor NOW! I'm still working at Peddlers at night, apparently indispensable as a dock captain; work loading is edging back up towards pre-COVID levels, but with far fewer workers. (this means the guys working there are working quite hard – please keep them in your prayers. They need to be excellent witnesses of who and Who's they are!)

Message from Luis: Hey guys – hope that you guys are doing good. I'm doing well. I work with Kevin and Jimmy at the same job. I wish I could see you guys, but I'll keep you in prayer. Keep us in prayer, too. We need it! Since I've been out, I got my forklift certification, and I am working on getting my driver's license. Kevin is helping me with that. Wish me luck with that. Wish you guys the best. God bless.

Message from Kevin R: I just want to say that God has blessed me SO much in so many ways. When I am faced with challenges, I just remember where I was before and how God brought me through all that to where I am now. I also want everyone to know that I have not forgotten them. You all are in my thoughts and prayers constantly. Though I have pursued it a number of times, I am not permitted to write anyone there. I'm hoping and praying that will change. I am so grateful for all of you who helped me get to where I am now, especially Paul, Mike, and Eric. Though you are not able to be here, you are very much a great part of Eagles' Nest! I am doing well. I am working evening/nights, and have been promoted. It is hard work, but I am grateful. Guys here make fun of me – I seem to be acquiring vehicles. I purchased the PT Cruiser when I got out, then purchased a scooter from the ministry, and recently purchased a Yamaha VStar 250. I Didn't think I would ever own a motorcycle, but I am truly enjoying it. I'm grateful for Deb and Steve Barrett – they made it all possible for me to be able to ride. May God bless you all richly! I pray for you often.

Sekou has moved into the new home and the church started meeting there 3 weeks ago. Boy!! Can that man decorate, his room is beautiful! Well, in a very masculine way, but can you call a room handsome? I wasn't sure about cooking between the 2 homes, so for the first 2 ½ weeks, we had pizza on Saturdays and Subway for Thursday worship practices. Last Saturday, I made my first catered meal, pulled pork sandwiches. I made the meat here at Fillmore and chopped all the related garnishes. Then Eric, Art, Steve and I loaded it all in the car and took it to Hadley (the new house/church street name). Eric provides dessert for all the Saturday nights having no birthday celebration. This week he brought baklava. It was delicious! After we had cleaned up the dinner

festivities, I needed to get some lip balm from the car (I forgot to bring it in with me). As I headed out the front door, someone called out to me to assure himself that I was not leaving. As I turned to say that I'd be right back, this is what I saw. You know that I take a picture in the kitchen for each birthday celebration, but that is different. When I take the birthday picture, I'm quite bossy and tell everyone to get into the picture. This time I was not expecting to see everyone at once and it took my breathe away!! God has blessed us so very much!



Larry moved out and is living homeless again...he is making bad choices and is aware of what he is doing, yet he does it regardless. Please pray for him.

Kevin (Raymond) has a new job at Peddler's. He has joined a music service and will be publishing his music soon.

Link and Natalia are engaged and planning their wedding in April. They are in the process of purchasing a home where they can live after the wedding.

OH, I forgot to tell you...the men have set up a studio at the Hadley church/home. They are quite excited and have started making CD tracks. We record our worship service each week. Does anyone know how we can send them in to you?

A commonality between men scheduled to come home is anxiety...they do not know us, so it is difficult to relax and trust. That's OK, I hope it helps to build their trust in our Lord... Men we are currently expecting to come home in the relatively close future are Jeff, Johnathan, John, and Ray.

Please keep them in your prayers and us as we prepare for their homecoming!! I don't think anyone can imagine the excitement and anticipation we feel with each homecoming... It's almost the same anticipation that we greeted Christmas morning as children – so exciting that sleep eludes...

So...how can you pray? Our prayer requests do not change but are so especially 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. In addition, please pray that those of us who are married will continue to grow in our relationships. Marriage is intended as a reflection of our relationship with God. We face many challenges, and your prayers are essential.

Kay Kapp, the Eagles' Nest Ministries quilt maker and general motherly lover of our men recently had a mild stroke. She is doing quite well, so this is a praise and a prayer request.

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 that 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