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To the Elders of the Oaks-West congregation:

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Greetings in the name of our savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for the support you have provided for this month.

The Church: In the last thirty days half of our members contracted COVID (including Wendi and I and Wendi's parents). This led to a great many of our assemblies being "bare-bones", and the lowest attendance numbers we have ever seen. But were very fortunate in that it seems that almost all are recovering quickly, even those with other health concerns. But this has been a very unique month in our congregation's history, as it probably has been for many congregations.

All of this sickness has disrupted a number of our plans and efforts to boost our work. We had planned to start in January another monthly group Bible study, but this and our men's Bible study were canceled due to illnesses. As well, we have had to delay our meetings to decide what to do about our building lease (expiring in May).

Preaching: Here are the lessons I presented in January. I missed one Sunday while we were sick.

DATE	LESSON TOPIC
January 2	Give It a Year – Luke 13:6-9
January 9	Being Common Evangelists
January 16	The First Commandment – Mark 12:29-30
January 30	Attitudes of Maturity – Philippians 3:15

As I mentioned in my last report, I am also preaching at the congregation in Forest Grove on Sunday afternoons.

Teaching:

- In Services:

- Sunday morning - I am still teaching *the Gospel of John*
- Wednesday – I teaching on *Spiritual Growth*

- Outside Services:

- I am currently in six regular Bible studies with various people in our community and members of the congregation. Unfortunately, this month and health issues disrupted a number of these studies. There are several people I am hoping to start studying with in the future.
- Last Sunday the preacher at the congregation in Beaverton and I began a young adult Bible study on evidences for the young people in the area. We had a great turnout and hope to do this at the end of every month.
- I have one monthly men's Bible study and one monthly young adult Bible study (online)

Our Family: Grant is doing well at his job; his three month probation is coming up, and he has started looking at area apartments. Darya was accepted to a CS internship at an area medical conglomerate for her next two terms. Wendi and I are well. Wendi is teaching a ladies Bible study once a month on James, and participates in several other weekly studies online. She is also writing out a children's curriculum for our congregation with several of the other ladies here.

Brotherly,

Brian, Wendi, Grant and Darya Haines