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Dear friend,

Along with December and New Year's Eve, no month reminds our family of the passage of time more than the month of March. Not only does Daylight Savings Time begin in March, drawing our attention to the clock, but also the season of Spring begins in March, with all of the very visible changes that begin to take place all around us. It's also the month when three of our daughters were born, and since they all still live with us, there are decorations to hang, cakes to bake, special meals to prepare, and related things to do throughout the month. Shastya is now 19, Emma is 14, and Kelsie is 11.

Shastya continues to be a good witness at both the bakery and the clothing store where she works. She has taken advantage of numerous opportunities to witness to her coworkers and her managers, and one of them—a Sikh—has visited our church twice as a result. Dan spoke with him afterward and gave him a small evangelistic book, "Done" by Cary Schmidt. Please pray for Raj and others, such as Celeste and Alex, to be saved and for the Lord to guide Shastya in her future plans.

Emma and Kelsie helped Sherry clean out and purge the home of an elderly lady who had accidentally filled her apartment with smoke after melting her laptop on top of the stove. Now, the girls have expressed an interest in reaching out to the residents of a nursing home!

Sherry had a substantial conversation with a pair of homeless women who came into our church one night while we were having a service. She has tried to reconnect with them, but they have not returned her calls. Please pray for these ladies, Dina and Alla, to find peace and a new life in Christ.

Dan had a great opportunity to visit the home of some people he had met years ago and share the Gospel with them after a recent death in their family. No one trusted Christ that night while he was there, but some thoughtful questions were asked. One of the family mem-

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bers said, "That sounds just like what Billy Graham says!" Dan was encouraged by knowing that this Roman Catholic family is hearing the Gospel. Please pray for Ray and his family to be saved.

Looking back in time to the beginning of the year, we passed out calendars as well as gospel tracts on the street at the beginning of January. One man who happily received one said that it was a miracle because he was on his way to the store just then to buy a calendar! It was a small miracle, but God can do great things with "small things!"

Dan went to immigration court with one of our families and was able to meet several family members who had never been to our church. He also spoke at a pastors' prayer meeting and preached three times in the English church. Sherry has a new ESL student: Tatiana. She is attending our church services, but we do not think that she is saved.

We've had a missionary guest speak in our church twice since the beginning of the year, and we are happy that one younger man in our church began reading Scripture from the pulpit this past Sunday morning. Another man has expressed willingness to pray aloud at the beginning of our services. These small steps are very encouraging to us!

Finally, as we think about the passage of time and "small things," we are excited to anticipate the arrival of some additions to our family! Our oldest daughter, Symphony, is expecting twin boys in April! We would appreciate your prayers for all parties involved.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord! May He bless the spiritual seed that you sow and allow you to reap a bountiful harvest for His glory!

Dan, Sherry, Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie