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Dear friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. I praise the Lord that He has given me a significant increase in my support this month from 42% to 54%!!! This increase is sufficient to keep me on track for a January departure date. I would like to extend a special thank you to all of you who are helping with my ministry. Your prayers, support and letters are a tremendous blessing to me through my deputation.

The Lord has given me the privilege of presenting my ministry in 83 different churches spread out over 18 different states from Alaska to Maine since last October when my deputation began. I praise the Lord that he has allowed me to share a small part in each of these ministries!

As I am nearing the end of my deputation, I am beginning to turn my attention more towards language school and my departure for the Dominican Republic. I would appreciate your prayers concerning guidance in selecting a language school. At this time, I am planning to attend a language school in Costa Rica since there are several good language schools there that are reasonably priced. However, I have not selected a specific school, and I am still gathering information concerning them. I believe that this language training will be very important. It will be necessary for me to have a strong foundation in the Spanish language to communicate effectively with the Dominican people. Also, please continue to pray that the remainder of my needed support would continue to come in quickly.

In Christ,

Luke Townsley  
Missionary to the Dominican Republic