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Howdy, Howdy!

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We drove to **Canada**, sang with our daughter Dayna, and preached at CornerStone Baptist in Woodstock, ON on Feb 1. That afternoon, son-in-love Peter drove me through a snowstorm to preach and sing at **Bethel Baptist** in Simcoe, where our friend, Al Feere is pastor. Church planter Matt Waskey of Markham, ON drove through blizzard conditions to join us after the service, and we three left for New York City in Peter's Dodge crew cab.

Across the border, the truck bogged down to 35 mph. The computer showed an electronic throttle control malfunction. Later, we realized this was due to snow packed into the engine compartment. Peter called his dealer in Canada, and we continued at 35 mph to a dealership in Scranton, PA, arriving at 7:30 am. Renting a car, I drove to JFK airport while Peter slept, and dropped them off just in time for our **flight to Israel**. We enjoyed the trip of a lifetime, thanks to our friends. Returning to JFK Monday, Feb 9, we rented another vehicle to Scranton, and picked up the Dodge. Jet lag robbed me of the trip back to Simcoe, where Pastor Waskey retrieved his vehicle.

Sharen helped Dayna with 2-year old Jaxson, home schooling Kyla and other projects while we were in Israel. Wednesday, Feb 11th, I drove to Roseville, MI to preach at **Crosspointe Baptist Church**, a new church, amazingly blessed but under satanic attack. Inspired by hawkers selling widow's mites in Israel, I preached on the Widow's Mite. After church, my car ran erratically, and I hit blizzard conditions, making me go slow and get sleepy. I slept an hour in the car in London, ON before proceeding home.

We sang and preached at the **Valentine banquet** for CornerStone in Woodstock on Feb 13, and again Wednesday, Feb 18, when we also sang with Peter and Dayna.

Pastor Guenther had set up the next Sunday at **New Testament Baptist** in Hamilton, where I'd preached a couple of summers ago. Pastor Doug McClain was away caring for his parents. His wife Debbie was a wonderful hostess. In addition to the great church (which they planted) they lead the Bible camp program, Camp Yes, reaching Canadian youth every summer. Dr. McClain is a key leader of BMFP Canada (Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples).

Sunday, Feb 22, I was at **Forest City Baptist** in London with Pastor Mark Bohman. The church called him after his excellent service as assistant to the former pastor, who passed away after a battle with cancer. Several responded to the altar call, and **Cecil**, a man to whom the pastor had been witnessing, trusted Christ as Savior. We are planning another meeting later.

Crossing New York, I couldn't avoid **hitting an ice block** that fell off a truck damaging our car. Computer analysis showed more needed fuel system repairs, but we made it home. We both arrived exhausted, with **bronchial and sinus infections**.

Thanks for your prayers,

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