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Dear Friends,

Matthew 11:1, “And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their CITIES.”

Jesus carried on his ministry in the towns of Israel but also in the cities. Our pastor’s passion is for the city of Sammamish, Washington. For quite a while we have been meeting at a lodge in the Beaver Lake Park, Sammamish, but have had a strong desire to be in a more downtown location with more of a visible presence in the city. As far as I know, we are the only Baptist church in Sammamish, a city of over 65,000 souls.



We are presently negotiating for some space in Central Washington University, in downtown Sammamish. The two story building was originally built as a

church, Evergreen Christian Fellowship, which later merged with Mars Hill megachurch. Some will know the history of that megachurch. The church dissolved and the property was purchased by CWU. We should know shortly if they will rent us some space for our Sunday services. It would be wonderful if the building would again have space for the preaching of the Word.



Recently many from the three independent Baptist Churches in which our family has and is involved had a picnic at the Aierdi Retreat Center, at the Aierdi farmhouse, in the beautiful mountains of Guipuzcoa, which the Lord so marvelously gave to Andy’s ministry and where I spent many hours reconstructing that 300 year old building. On a whatsapp voice mail from Andy, It was so rewarding to hear some 100 voices singing some melodious spanish choruses, accompanied by some ever present guitars, on the large area around the front of the farmhouse.

We would appreciate your prayers for some health issues. Helga is having a foot operation in July. In Spain, around 2011, an MRI discovered a cyst in my spinal cord. In 2014, just before retiring and returning to the US, we had another MRI and the cyst seemed to have stabilized. The doctor told me if it enlarged it could give me some circulation problems in my feet and legs. That began to happen about 6 months ago and a recent MRI seems to indicate it has enlarged. On my next appointment with the doctor I should know how they will treat it. Probably suction extraction or surgery. The Lord knows but we would appreciate your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

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