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Dear Pastor, supporting churches, and praying friends,

Thank you so much for the prayers, financial support, and concern for the souls of the people of Cordova, Alaska. It is our joy and privilege to represent the Lord and Savior as an extension of your ministry. We would like to say a special "Thank You" to Pastor Brian Terry and the people of the Solid Rock Independent Baptist Church of Liberty, SC, Pastor Jack Shook and the people of the Roanoke Independent Baptist Church of Liberty, SC, and a special anonymous family from the Sturgis Missionary Baptist Church in Sturgis, KY, Pastor Joey Durham for joining the effort in reaching the souls of Cordova. Each one takes us another step closer to full time deputation, and ultimately to the field in which God has called us to. We ask you to help us pray that God will continue to send the support needed.

The road of deputation has carried us through the upstate of South Carolina, and Virginia. It is such a joy to meet new brothers and sisters in the Lord. This is one of the great rewards and consolations of being a missionary. The Lord has blessed us with the opportunity to meet many life long friends. God has blessed us with the opportunity to present our burden of the Gospel and of Cordova many times. We praise the Lord for the open doors He has provided. We ask you to help us pray for souls to be saved, hearts to be challenged for missions, for safety as we travel, and for grace and strength to accomplish Gods will in our lives.

I would like to present you with a couple of special prayer requests. My mother, Carolyn Bourdess, was recently diagnosed with cancer. It is secluded and not spread. The doctors are going to treat her with chemo therapy to try and shrink the mass, and then possibly surgery. Please pray that God will give her grace, comfort, and strength. Also, please pray for me. I have a couple of swollen lymph nodes that did not go down after a round of antibiotics. The doctors have removed one for a biopsy and we are waiting to hear the results in the next few days. We are both children of God and are in His hands. We understand and realize that if healing comes, it will come from the Lord. I'm sure glad that nothing takes God by surprise! His grace is (and will be) sufficient! I'm sure glad we serve an all knowing, and all powerful God!

I would also like to take the opportunity and publicly thank the Valley Baptist Church in Edinburg, VA, Pastor Bailey, and staff for the wonderful Faith and Family week. Thank you also, staff and people of World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. Thank both of you for your investment of time and finances in our ministry and many, many others. Your friendship and relationship are invaluable. We were able to receive much help and encouragement in the ministry God has called us to. We thoroughly enjoyed every service and meal that was provided. Thank you on behalf of our children, they enjoyed the week as well.

It is exciting to see God working on both ends. He is blessing our deputation, but also working in Cordova! We learned a month or so ago, that the Independent Baptist Church of Anchorage, AK Pastor Stan Roach, has been sending men to Cordova, and holding meetings. They are "laying the groundwork" for a potential ministry (imagine that!!!). It all started when the city manager of Cordova went to Anchorage and visited Independent Baptist Church and told Pastor Roach "We need a church like this in Cordova!" They are currently renting a room in the public school when they are able to go. Please pray for these men in their travel and effort to reach souls in Cordova.

As a reminder, our video is available for viewing on you tube. All you have to do is type "Bourdess Presentation" in the search blank. We encourage you to do this if you have not. Also, our sending agency, World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions is able to draft your account for support, instead of you having to write and send support. This would potentially save your time, postage, and the cost of checks. If you are interested, please feel free to contact them at the number listed below.

In His service,

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