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Dear Friends and Family,

We hope that this letter finds each of you doing well. Last month was another busy month for us. We had 9 meetings from northern MI down to southern FL. In between meetings, we drove over 3,200 miles. At this point, we are at 92.5% of our needed support. In Nicaragua, the violence and unrest has continued. Even the Nicaraguan Human Rights organization that was tracking it has been forced to close to receiving death threats. Ever since July 6th, the U. S. Government has ordered the departure of non-emergency U. S. government personnel. In other words, the embassy has been closed and only offers limited emergency services. Many other services such as medical care is also limited due to the ongoing crisis. We are continuing to monitor the situation and Jeremy may be taking a short term trip in the near future to be able to assess the situation with regards to our return.

Although we stayed pretty busy with meetings, we were thankful that many of them were in our home state of FL. This means that we were able to spend a little time at home. After having been gone for much of the last few months, it took a little time to get everything back to normal. Lila and Ellie really enjoyed being able to see some of their friends at our home church. Near the end of the month, we celebrated Elijah's first birthday! Time has passed so quickly since he was born. He brings smiles to everyone that he meets. As we approach the end of our furlough meetings, we are beginning to focus much more on our plans for our next term. We are seeking counsel and trust the Lord to guide us as we make some big decisions.

This month, we will be finishing up the last of our furlough meetings. Although our children love to see their friends and family, they also miss Nicaragua. This month, please pray for the following:

1. That God will bring peace to the people of Nicaragua
2. That God continues to advance his Gospel and save souls, even in these difficult times.
3. That God continue to guide us as we make decisions regarding our next term.
4. That God provide the remaining support needed for us to be fully funded.

In Christ,

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