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“Nice car, man!” a random guy shouted to me. “Thanks,” I replied. I didn’t know him. I had just stopped for gas in the middle of Kansas. And I didn’t realize that my Chevy Malibu was an exceptionally nice car to be getting compliments from strangers. I like it, but it’s not a Ferrari or anything like that.

I noticed the guy seemed to be loitering in front of the store, and I was about to pull away when the Holy Spirit nudged me, “You should go see if he needs any help.” So I turned my car around and went back. I found out that Alex and his wife were out of gas on their way to Tennessee. I felt the Lord would have me put some gas in his gas can, and I had the opportunity to witness to him.

If you have a moment, I am sure Alex and his wife would appreciate your prayers. They were having a tough time with things. Although Alex claimed to know the Lord, his speech did not reflect that of a believer’s. I pray the Lord will continue to work in his life. I know it was not much, but I am glad that I got to be used by the Lord in this small way last month.

Speaking of the last month, January was awesome! The Lord allowed me to connect with five amazing churches: Southeast Baptist Tabernacle (Indianapolis), Lighthouse Baptist Church (Baldwin City, KS), Hope Baptist Church (Loveland, CO), Volinia Baptist Church (Decatur, MI), and Faith Bible Baptist Church (Lake Odessa, MI).

January 7-9: Mission conference at SBT! Pastor Brett did a great job organizing it. One highlight was the men’s prayer breakfast where the time of conversation and prayer with the men allowed me to see their heart for Christ. Oh, and I enjoyed helping cook the French toast. They had it down to a science!

January 12: On my way to Colorado, I stopped at a friend’s house in Kansas for the night. My friend told his pastor I would be coming through, and his pastor graciously allowed me to present my burden for Australia at the church’s Wednesday evening service. I really appreciate Pastor Austin and LBC for letting me pop in!

January 13-14: Visited my pastor’s brother, Rob, and his family! Always good to see them. Thankful for their hospitality.

January 15-17: Lots of fellowship and co-laboring with HBC, Loveland, CO. At men’s prayer breakfast, I was surprised when one of my old Bible teachers from Pensacola walked in! It was good to see Mr. Carlson again, and I enjoyed his and his wife’s hospitality Saturday evening as we fellowshiped and caught up with each other. I also enjoyed distributing tracts and preparing Bearing Precious Seed New Testaments with Pastor Outler, Bro. Book, and others. Great to see a pastor and church with a great passion for the Great Commission!

January 20-25: Then to Michigan. Thankful for the opportunity to share the Gospel with around 100 young people and their relatives during VBC’s Upward basketball program on Saturday. I pray that God will work through the program to change lives! During the several days I was in town, I got to connect with the church folks at their Upward program and Sunday services, and I enjoyed running a youth activity on Sunday night with a fun group of teens. Also, enjoyed the fellowship with Pastor Shinabery and the painting we were able to do at the church too.

January 26-30: Another mission conference at FBBC! It was a blessing to see so many familiar faces at this conference and also to be able to connect with so many others. The international dinner was a fun time, and I broke out an ANZAC biscuit recipe (cookies from Australia/New Zealand) to share with the church. It was a blessing to see how God worked through the preaching all week to encourage and challenge our hearts. I really appreciate Pastor Barker, Pastor Hicks, and the church family’s heart for missions.

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