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Several significant events have occurred for us over the last two months. First, we had an unexpected encounter with a deer while in far West Texas. We were traveling from an evening appointment in Post to where we were staying in Big Spring when the deer ran into the side of our van. We were traveling at sixty-five miles per hour, and if the deer had been half-a-second earlier or if I had hit the brakes, the deer probably would have gone right through our windshield. Your prayers for our protection were felt that evening.

Secondly, our oldest daughter Krista has effectively finished high school and is back with us full-time. She will take a few home school classes over the summer. She will then begin taking college classes on-line during the fall.

Furthermore, we had an encouraging time at the May Fellowship meeting at Arlington Baptist College. We met many friends and pastors who have partnered with us over the last year. We met new pastors who have invited us to call for appointments.

Also, we have decided that a small minivan with a clamshell container on top and a storage platform on the back were too small. We bought a small trailer and it has helped tremendously in traveling comfort and in allowing us a little more space to travel with the things that we need.

We are encouraged by many who have taken us on for financial support over the last two months and who share our vision of reaching Australians with the Good News. In fact, we are now at around thirty-five percent of our goal. Although June and July are typically difficult months, we have a relatively full schedule. We will be spending those months in Florida. Please continue to pray for our travel safety and pray that God would hasten our goal of 100 percent support.

The day is growing short. The times demand urgency to reach as many as possible with the Gospel. Australia will be a difficult field. However, we are trusting in God's promise in Jeremiah 32:27 which states, "*Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*" Thank you for giving as unto the Lord and may He richly bless and reward you for your sacrifices.

By the way, the deer did not make it.