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Greetings Family and Friends,

Happy Labor Day USA People! Here in Michigan it's a lovely day for a picnic, a hike, some type of outside activity.

So, what's been happening in the lives of the Bolthouses these last few months? I think our last update was an alphabet thing that Sue creatively came up with, but my training isn't in the creative department like hers. I'm more a short and to the point personality.

We managed to navigate our way through the COVID disruption the last few months without too much change to the way we worked. There were a few days that Minnesota called for a stay at home for non-essential work, but on the whole, given our work environment at the hangar, which is pretty isolated from people coming in and out, we carried on as normal after about a two-week hiatus. It's been a great summer weather wise and we've enjoyed working with the hangar door open most days, which we only dream of come winter months!

My mother, who lives in independent living (place called Samaritas) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, has had a couple hospital visits with congestive heart failure and going into hospice care. Sue has been in Michigan taking care of her since she was released from hospital. Initially, mom was not allowed to go back to Samaritas as they felt she needed more care than they were able, or licensed, to give her. My cousin offered her place for a few weeks, in a beautiful wooded area (see above picture), and a perfect place for mom to regain her strength. It also allowed her to have visitors, which wouldn't have been possible at Samaritas.

Samaritas has allowed her back since hospice has taken responsibility for her drain. We are thankful for all God has provided for mom and her clear mind for making decisions. She still is involved in transcribing Braille lessons and devotions, which is pretty amazing.

I have been going back and forth a bit between Minnesota and Michigan and this next week (9TH September) will be returning to Zambia for a month with Caleb to help Flying Mission with a survey doing game counts for the Department of Wildlife of some of the game parks in the northern part of Zambia. It is something that Flying Mission has been involved in over the last 10 years or so, and is a 4 to 6 week time of intense flying with two planes, and makes enough income to cover Flying Mission's operating expenses for the year, which in turn keeps our cost for mission flying down. It also helps with our relationship with the government of Zambia as they see Flying Mission as an

organization that wants to help the country develop. Caleb and I will be gone for about a month. Appreciate your prayers as we travel in a world that is still on edge with Covid, so has new travel procedures and requirements.

The guys I'm working with in Minnesota are doing well. Tom will be ready to take his mechanics test by the end of the year and is leaning toward going out to work with MARC (Mission Aviation Repair Center) in Alaska. Tim finishes up with us the end of September and is going on for further flight training at MATA (Mission Aviation Training Academy) in Arlington, Washington. Jake will be with us for another year or so, to get in his required time in maintenance till he can meet the requirements for his mechanics license. It seems there is another couple in the pipeline to join Proclaim by the end of the year, so we'll keep you posted on that development.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness in praying and supporting us through these last few months. We really feel loved and blessed by God in the friends and supporters He has given us!

Yours in Christ,

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