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Dear Friends and Family,

It's been over a month since Chris's passing. In the weeks following, I've been humbled by the love and care of you all, our supporters. I've seen God's gracious hand in every phone call, text, email, gift, and card. The Lord has reminded me again and again of his compassion and care for our family. Thank you for your thoughtfulness, kind words, encouragement and presence in our family's life. In the midst of our grief, I can say as Chris always did, "We are truly blessed."

We celebrated Chris's life with a memorial service on September 23. I believe God was honored as we worshipped, remembered God's faithfulness to Chris, and heard the gospel declared. Thank you to those of you that joined in person or watched online. If you were unable to attend, you can find a recording of the service at <https://vimeo.com/1121579354>.

One of the places Chris will be most deeply missed is in our ministry at Penn State. In recent weeks I've been slowly reengaging with ministry events on campus and learning what it looks like to do ministry without Chris by my side. While there have been many new changes for me, one thing that has been constant is the support of the Bridges staff team at Penn State. Over the last year, these dear friends have carried our burden, while continuing to faithfully pursue students. As Chris's health declined and he was no longer able to participate in campus events, the staff team lovingly supported us with their presence and constant prayer. I am grateful for these teammates in ministry and confident in the work the Lord will continue to do in and through the team.

In the midst of this difficult season, I continue to see the hand of God moving in the hearts of students. One of our staff members, Kelly, met an international student during a recent day of outreach in the Student Union. The student, N, was sitting alone when Kelly approached. Kelly asked N if she would be interested in taking a survey and having a short conversation. The student agreed and Kelly led her through the various questions regarding life, purpose, and spirituality. It became clear that N had never heard of Jesus and was skeptical that we could have eternal life. N was interested in learning more so Kelly read the Four Spiritual Laws with her. N responded with "I have never heard this before. It is the first time, and I need to learn more." Kelly and N exchanged contact info. Please pray that N would be interested in following up with Kelly and that she would desire to know Jesus.

Family Update

I am excited to share that Abby and Sam are expecting their first baby in March! If you're keeping track, that will be 13 grandkids total 😊. Please pray for a healthy pregnancy for both Margee (due in November) and Abby.

Additionally, I covet your prayers for our family in this continued season of grief. We missed Chris on his birthday (October 14) and will miss him all the more as we approach the holiday season. Please pray for the comfort and hope of Christ as we continue to grieve his passing and experience a lot of "firsts" without him.

In Him,

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