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The season of Autumn is the season of harvest and many churches choose this time of the year to emphasize the importance of missions. In the next couple of months Jeff is scheduled to speak in the mission-emphasis services in 4 different churches. We are thankful for these opportunities to connect with local churches and be a part of encouraging a commitment to fulfilling the Great Commission

It has been a very challenging month since the last time we wrote. Jeff came down with a case of gout that took him off his feet for several weeks. The pain is beginning to diminish, but the healing process has been very slow.

Then a week ago our son Marc broke his leg in a soccer game. His tibia (shin bone) broke clean through and he is in cast than runs almost the length of his right leg. We have several prayer requests for him in regard to the healing process. About the time you receive this Marc will be going in for a first follow up appointment and x-ray. We are praying this shows the start of the healing process and that the 2 sides of the broken bone will be lined up and starting to heal properly. We should know after this appointment whether he will need surgery or simply continue with a lengthy healing process. We are told his cast will stay on for 6 to 10 weeks and then rehabilitation will follow. He is confined to a wheelchair

for the time being. Please also pray for his perseverance both academically and emotionally through this time.

Classis Muskegon met two weeks ago and voted to continue their support of On The House Church for 2011. This is a challenging time for many churches and Classes, and we are thankful for this show of support from our local congregations. Our Classis has also established a new Church Planting Team designed to provide greater care and support to the emerging churches in our region. This has shown to be a real blessing to On The House Church.

A young man from our church began boot camp run by the Army National Guard with the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy. It is a military-style program for at-risk youth. Jeff agreed to be trained by the MYCA as his mentor and is now credentialed with the academy. Sadly, this young man dropped out of the program just in last few days due to many behavioral problems. Please pray for direction in his life as well as encouragement to his parents and step-parents.

While we continue to lead one of the cell groups of On The House Church, one of the couples who were married in August has agreed to begin hosting our cell group on a more frequent basis in their home. We are grateful for the ways those connected with our church are growing and taking on leadership responsibilities. We continue to ask you to pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up more leaders who can not only host cell groups in their homes, but also apprentice as leaders who can effectively introduce those they love to Christ, disciple them, and help others to develop as servant-leaders.

Free In Christ,
Jeff, Michelle, Morgan, Marc, Gabrielle,
and Jordan