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Greetings from Brett & Leanne,

Much has been happening since we last wrote. Life at home and at Bible Basics seems so busy that time just flies by. We have wonderful news about our personal lives and our service at BBI.



First I'll let you know what is happening at BBI. Many of you have heard that starting in October Dr. Priddy will be stepping down as President of Bible Basics. Between founding BBI 36 years ago, and working with their first mission, Dr. Priddy and his wife Monna Dean will have served 50 years in October. Dr. Priddy will continue to work here at the headquarters and be chairman of the board. After the transfer, Rev. Evan Drake will take on the day-to-day responsibility of running the mission. This will allow more time for Dr. Priddy to work on publishing some of his work into book form. It will also allow him to do more teaching. At the same time Monna Dean Priddy will step down from her position as head of donor relations. One of the tasks Monna Dean handles is receipting the donations that come in. I have been helping her with that job since I started at BBI two years ago. Because of these changes and other needs, starting in October Leanne and I will be fulltime at BBI. We are currently at about 40% pledged support but are confident that the Lord is leading us to take this step; what the Lord orders He pays for.

Since our last letter, my days here at the mission have been busy and varied. In addition to helping with the receipting I have been assembling books, helping to shop for computers and projectors, and doing artwork for our upcoming STAR Team evangelistic trip. We are adding a new aspect to our STAR Team trips. The past trips have involved reaching out to the unsaved, with the primary focus on the adults. This year we will also be running two vacation Bible schools. I have been making posters and banners for promotion and teaching for those schools. While I am not able to go on the trip, it has been good to be a part of the outreach in such a direct way. I am also in the process of creating a new web site for the mission and for Leanne and myself. I anticipate that the mission web site will be up soon and our personal site is up and running. You can check it out at www.prudenplace.com. My hope is that Leanne and I will be able to use this as a means of communicating with all of you.

Another very exciting event in our lives is that in the week or so we will be finalizing our adoption of Daniel. Our home study is finally done. The home study is basically a survey conducted by a social worker to determine our eligibility and readiness to adopt. It was the last major step prior to getting a court date to finalize the adoption. After almost two years of monthly visits from case workers it is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the process. We are both relieved and excited. If you hear a loud celebration coming from the direction of the Tampa court house later this month, it will be us. The road has been long, nerve racking, and tiring but we are almost finished. The Lord has been good through this whole time and we appreciate all of the prayer and emotional support many of you have supplied. Thank you!

The next few months are going to be very exciting. With the adoption and seeing how the Lord will supply our needed support we look forward to the future. Please consider your part in that future. As we take the next step in our service with BBI, please pray for us. Both prayer and financial support are vital to our work. The Lord has placed a goal in front of us, a goal that can only be met with the help of His people. Having grown up with my missionary parents, I have had the firsthand privilege of seeing how the Lord provides. When my parents stepped out, they could not see how the Lord would support them. They started full time with only \$200 a month pledged support. Just like BBI, the Lord has always supplied their needs. Now, it is our turn to do the same. We cannot see how the Lord is going to support us. We only know that He will be there, and that it will be through His people that we are able to stand.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Brett & Leanne'.

Brett & Leanne Pruden