

## December 2021/January 2022 Update

November marked the last month traveling on the road for us. We believe our presentation of Finnish missions to churches has come to a close. We have 98.5% support coming in regularly, and we assume that as churches vote to take on new missionaries, our remaining 1.5% will come in by January. Our focus has now turned to residency permits and moving to Finland. We greatly covet your prayers in this matter.

Our motorhome refuses to leave Duluth, MN, so we will be staying here until we move to Finland. We have a plan to keep it warm in the winter weather and it appears to be working. We have also plugged back into the regular ministry opportunities at Northstar Baptist Church for the time being. Our children are delighted to be back around friends and it is good for them to be around regular children's ministry.

Recently, when we were leaving a meeting, we had the privilege to drive through snowy weather. For those who have never done so, a slight flurry would cause one to stay home. Our stay in Minnesota before going on deputation has taught me several lessons about driving in snow. First, if you can see the road, a plow has come through and has left salt so that you may drive safely at average speeds. Second, if a plow has not come through, it is likely that a vehicle has preceded you and left its tracks in the snow. Finally, extra caution must be made to ensure one stays on the road if one finds no tire tracks. (We have only taken our motorhome on one such road with 8 inches of snow. At the end of the road, we had to do a U-turn. Backing up with our trailer attached was one experience I will not quickly forget.)

Our visa application process feels like we are driving in unplowed snow. The road is white, snowflakes are coming down, but faint tread marks are leading the way. The best scenario is to keep going forward at a steady pace until the destination is reached. We are taking comfort in Psalm 121:8, "The LORD shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."

- Praise: Several new supporting churches since the last letter.
- Prayer: Jake's salvation
- Prayer: That visas will be processed in a timely manner
- Prayer: To secure lodging in Finland

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