

Dear friends at McCoy

The apostle Paul wrote this to the church in the city of Philippi

*“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, ... defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.” (Philippians 1:3-7)*

This helps us express how we feel about you. You have stood with us in giving to our ministry, in prayer, and encouraging us in many other ways. We are grateful for you!

As you know, we’ve had some health challenges this year: Steve with his diagnosis of Parkinson’s Disease early in the year, and Becky with her hospitalization earlier this fall and a yet-to-be diagnosed swelling in her neck. As of this writing, we’re still waiting to get another doctor appointment to hopefully get to the bottom of this.

But as we look back at 2019, we have much to be thankful for

- God has continued to show His grace and mercy, allowing us to feel relatively well and continue with our ministry
- While we don’t have answers to Becky’s swelling, testing revealed cardiology issues that are being treated
- Kyle and Brenna’s beautiful wedding in July
- Both Tim & Chelsey and Matt & Stephanie live nearby, and we get to see them often
- Many opportunities to serve and encourage Missionary Kids and their families

In 2020, we anticipate ministry opportunities that will take us from Pennsylvania to Colorado, Florida to Michigan and Wisconsin, and many points in between. The next event scheduled is our annual Snow Camp (January 17-19) in southwest Michigan. Our MK Care Team is working on an ambitious project to make an annual contact with all the MKs in our mission from birth to age 22.

Our current support level stands at about 75% of our current recommended level. Let us know if you’re aware of churches or other contacts who potentially would be interested in being part of the team to support MK Care ministry.



We pray that you have a joy-filled Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Gratefully, *Steve & Becky*



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