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*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing . . .” Romans 15:13a*

Our God has given us peace through the life, death, and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus. Thanks be to Him for His great gift to us!

We want to begin this Douglas Dispatch with praise to God for all His blessings to us in the church plant we have been involved in over the past five years. Glorious Hope Baptist Church is progressing toward graduation. It has been a blessing to see how God has raised up people who love Him to be part of this church. There have been people saved; many are being discipled and are growing; people are serving each other and the community. Not only are people being saved, but we’ve had one baptism recently, and five more are seeking baptism.

During Matt’s recent trip to the US, most of the ministries he carries were handled well by the people of the church. It gave us an opportunity to see where there are still weaknesses and where we can focus our attention in the next year. God is building His church and we give Him praise and glory. Pray that God would help us in the discipleship of men who would be willing to serve as deacons in the church.

As a result of a Holiday Kid’s Club (VBS) in October, Glorious Hope has begun a weekly after school kid’s club. There are up to ten people from the church committed to staffing this new ministry each week! It has been very successful, with at least a dozen kids from the community attending each week. A couple of older kids have come to youth group as well.

In an effort to build the church, opportunities such as Scripture teaching and ESL classes give us interaction with unsaved people. Four of Matt’s ESL students have trusted Christ and are part of the Korean church which was begun out of Glorious Hope. Scripture class students are keen to listen to the Bible stories, and many have an understanding of why Jesus came and that they need to have a relationship with Him.

Financial support continues to be an issue. We’re grateful for the one-time gifts that many have given recently. However, our ongoing monthly support is only at 79%. This will have to be made up before we could think of moving on to the next church plant.

Amy and Luke are finishing up their school year and are eager for school holidays (summer vacation). They are both growing physically and spiritually. Amy has had a great year as part of a Christian Leadership class at school, and was part of a missions team which travelled to

Samoa for a week of ministry. God taught her how to trust Him, and opened her eyes to the way God is working in another culture. Luke will begin high school next year (7<sup>th</sup> grade) and is looking forward to the new challenges that will bring. He'll be joining the youth group at church, and we trust that his opportunities for service in the church will expand.

This summer, some of our family's holiday time will be spent finishing the remodeling of our home, including bathroom, new flooring, and interior painting. We've been in this house for five years; it's time to finish it off!

**Praise God with us:**

Growth of Glorious Hope (spiritually and numerically)

Kid's Club

Matt's effective ministry in the USA and safe return

Amy's trip to Samoa



**Pray with us:**

Men to take leadership roles in the church (deacons)

Kid's club—salvation of kids and opportunity to reach families

Continued contacts through ESL and Scripture teaching (end-of-year/Christmas programs)

Support

In His Service,  
*Matt, Barb, Amy, & Luke Douglas*

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