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Dear Friends,



So many exciting things have happened this month! As most of you know, we have been in need of a new vehicle for transport as we've outgrown our mini-van. In answer to prayer and donations from caring supporters like you, a van was purchased from Milton Family Community Center! The van is a 15-passenger 1999 Dodge Ram 3500, Pastor Steve and Scott spent the afternoon removing the decals from the van and it was registered to Covered Bridge on 01-17-08. This is the first

vehicle Covered Bridge has ever owned. A wonderful testament to growth and the Lord's provision!

Earlier this month Covered Bridge was invited to Lyndon Bible Church for the Saturday breakfast. The folks there were warm and receptive as Pete Mills gave a very moving testimony followed by Pastor Steve bringing the Word and a little background on what Covered Bridge is all about. Bruce Phillips from The Fold Family Ministries was on hand, along with our gracious host's, Mike, Bill, Alan and Kevin. Lyndon Bible Church invited Covered Bridge to attend the Iron Sharpens Iron conference in the Burlington area on February 16th.



Covered Bridge also went to Georgia Plain Baptist Church this month by invitation. The residents of Covered Bridge considered it a real treat to hear their pastor preach. We met many great people at the service, too many to mention here! Pastor Steve delivered a warm message to an eager congregation. We are so thankful the members of the Church

A couple of things that Covered Bridge could use this month are paper products such as toilet paper and paper towels.

saw the vision and released Pastor Steve and Lorie to come to St. Johnsbury. At the end of the service Covered Bridge went to the Couture's residence for an invitation to dinner. Rob, Deb and Matt were anxious to serve and prayers were offered up for their son; Danny, who was recovering from surgery at the Fletcher Allen Hospital in Burlington.

As most of you know, Covered Bridge is now running at full capacity with six residents and three waiting! Another first for Covered Bridge! The current residents are Don, Richard, Dave, Alex, Patrick, and Scott. Praise God! Above all, keep Covered Bridge in your prayers. As the bills increase, the Lord has been faithful to keep the fuel tank full and the food shelves stocked through your support.

"Reconciliation To Community By Building Bridges Of Restoration"

Pastor Steve has stepped down from preaching at Passumpsic Church to come and be at Covered Bridge full time again as the Lord has called him. The Church will miss him so keep them in your prayers also. Pastor Steve's calling is to go out among the Churches and share with them about this ministry in order to invite others to share in its support.

Covered Bridge residents would like to take this time to thank Larry and Reenie Bergeron for their continued efforts in providing respite for Pastor & Lorie. We are also excited to announce Larry's decision to serve on the Board of Directors of Covered Bridge.

As Scott continues to grow in Web Design and Computer skills, the old Covered Bridge Website is going through changes. As always, the resident handbook and application downloads are still available. So watch for the changes at covered-bridge.org. He continues to work part time at Union Baptist Church removing snow and ministering in the audiovisual department during Celebrate Recovery under the watchful eye of Pastor Dave Piers. He continues his studies in the Word and to provide help to Pastor Steve (such as this newsletter and help with the newer men's studies)

Don is doing well at NSA on 3rd shift and continues pursuit in building his relationship with his son Keith. Don is our Monday night grill cook and enjoys grilling outside for the residents.

Richard is now stepping up to the plate by helping with transporting residents to and from work and various other errands. This takes some of the workload from Pastor Steve and Lorie. Richard continues to work with a successful graduated resident of Covered Bridge, Steve Towsley.

Patrick is still diligent in his pursuit of mastering the guitar for praise and worship. Karlo took time to help him with some chords when he and Pastor Bob dropped off our new van.

Dave continues his work at Lyndon Furniture Company. His day begins at 4:00 a.m. His family came up for the weekend of the 19th and 20th. We are thankful to all those who helped make this possible. Dave continues to grow through the trials of being away from his family for extended periods.

Alex is in his studies and soon to be getting his driving permit. He continues to work toward rebuilding a previously stressed relationship with his mother and father. Alex would like to thank God for the reconciliation to both.

Pastor Steve, Lorie, And Scott are exploring the different flavors of home-made ice cream in hope of coming up with just the right flavor for the theme of a future Covered Bridge venture—to be announced in its time!!

Thank you for all of the love and support you have given Covered Bridge!

In His love and ours,

Pastor Steve, Lorie and the residents of Covered Bridge.