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Dear Friends and Faithful Supporters,

Here we are in the new year with opportunities to tell people about Jesus and try to win them to Him. It has been 14 months since my dear Josie went home to be with the Lord, and I still can't believe it. I have been told that the process of grieving takes its time and is different with each person. I have times that when I think of Josie it brings me to tears. But, praise the Lord that the feeling doesn't last. Friends whom I know and who have lost their spouses to cancer and such, find themselves getting married again. Frankly, I cannot imagine such a thing for myself, but Jesus knows this and knows the end of it all. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord for my ministries!

**Flea Market Outreach:** We are in the time of the year when the weather is a factor as to whether I can go out there and minister. Since my last letter we have given out: 25 KJV Bibles, 10 New Testaments; eight Navajo Bibles, 920 tract packs, four Spanish Bibles, and six New Testaments, and we have given out hundreds of Daily Breads. When they become outdated I stuff them with tracts and give them out. People ask me for concordances and Bible handbooks. If you have any of these lying around which you are not using, I could use them in this ministry. Also, we have had one person saved.

**Nursing Home Bible Study:** Since my last letter, I lost one whose name was "Virginia." She passed into the presence of Jesus at the age of 86 years. Once a helper told me that we shouldn't be saying thing or preach anything that would offend them. I said, since this is the last stop before eternity, I am not worried about offending them. I want them to have the chance to repent and believe in Jesus before it is too late. Miss Carolyn is Jewish. Her son is a medical doctor, and he was there one time when we were there. He said that what we were doing wasn't her thing. He didn't know that she repented and believed in Jesus. Miss Kathy was playing Christmas carols on her accordion that time. When he left, Miss Carolyn was smiling and said she loved the songs about Jesus! Miss Carolyn's health is worsening. Pray for her.

**Veteran's Home Bible Study:** There have been many changes since my last letter. I learned that the Veteran's Administration has started to underwrite this home in some things. Pray that they don't bar me from doing the Bible studies. The men are not as responsive as before, but keep praying for: Charles (Jewish), Floyd (Jewish), Dennis (who goes to church with me), Ellis, Robert (used to be a Mormon), Gilbert, and Darrel. These fellows have been hit and miss to Bible studies because of their various health problems. Now that we are heading toward spring and the weather becomes warmer we can have our Bible studies outside. Then other fellows who sit outside will be able to hear as well.

**My health:** Well, the back pain I had for a year and half is still gone. My sciatica hurt all that time. I still have a little pain in my back but it doesn't feel like the other and it goes away with Naproxen sodium (Aleve) and mostly just goes away of its own. My health seems to be better. So, praise the Lord for that!

**My church:** I have been doing a lot more preaching in church. My pastor has given me more to do in that way. I also have been discipling folks within church. Keep praying for more fruit in my ministries. God bless you all!

In His service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Olmstead". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Bro Steve Olmstead