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“O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.” Psalm 34:8

Dear Pastor, Church Family, and Praying Friends,

If you are like me, there have been times when you were growing up that certain foods didn't look good to eat. I can remember not liking shrimp, biscuits & gravy, fruitcake, and even Mexican food. I like all of those things now, except the fruitcake, because at some point and time I was persuaded to at least 'taste' it and see. You guessed it, once I did, I found out 'what I had been missing' and have been making up for it ever since. I believe it is the same way sometimes with God and salvation. Many times people don't want to even take a look because they don't think they could possibly like it, or that it will cause them to miss out on many things they do like. We need patience and perseverance to tell folks about the Lord, what He has done for us, in order that they too may 'taste and see that the **LORD is good**' and partake of the blessings and promises that come when we trust in Him.

We pray that all is well with you as you serve where the Lord has called you to. I always try to remember to remind people that they are missionaries as well. When you step out of the doors of your church, you are 'on the mission field' too! God is good and our support level continues to rise. We recently have become partners with two more churches in Texas. A big '**thank you**' to you folks, as well as others, for making us part of your 'Mission Family'. It seems that at almost each church we are in, someone has family or friends or knows of someone that is up in Alaska. If nothing else, everybody now at least knows about Gov. Palin!

Thank you all again for your prayers, care and support for us on deputation. Because of it, we are seeing lives changed as well as challenged, ours included. All the glory goes to our Heavenly Father as He has given all of us the 'ministry of reconciliation'. Some of us plant, some of us water, but it is 'God that giveth the increase'. We pray for souls to be saved and for laborers to go out into the fields that are 'white already to harvest'. Is God perhaps calling you today?

In His Service,

The Roughton Family

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