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I am sorry you have not heard from us in a while but our internet has been down for over a week. The company we use for the satellite connection decided to upgrade the hardware and didn't tell us before the change so we were left without internet until they could get us the new equipment and install it. We got up and running this afternoon but I am still having some trouble with the email part of it all.

My sister wrote that my father is doing much better. He is walking more after his hip surgery and is less confused and generally much better. The plan is for him to go to my sister's house next Sunday for a few days until they are ready to go back to their house. My brother is making a few changes in the arrangement of the furniture in the apartment to make it easier for dad to get around safely with his walker. My mother's sister, Vina, from Seattle has been with them this week and has been a big help and encouragement. My brother, John, from Texas will be going near the end of April to also help. Thank you so much for our prayers and emails. I know the Lord has brought healing and will continue to work in his body and mind.

Last weekend we had big rain storms on Saturday and Sunday and were thrilled that the weather got cooler and our well got more water. The state government is on strike now for several weeks so the water board is not providing water for the entire city. So for several weeks we have not been getting regular water. Our well is not deep enough so it has also gone dry. We did not get any more rain this week so we were getting near desperation when finally yesterday we got a bit of city water. Monday is laundry day so if we don't have enough we cannot do laundry and that is a problem with three girls and a boy who like to change clothes a lot. We are working hard at recycling the water we use, including taking quick showers, but are getting tired of always living on the edge of running out. We are praying the rains come soon so our well will fill up and end our water crises.

Justina, the counselor working at the Miriam House for unwed mothers, came to my office this week with several wonderful stories of women whose lives have been changed through the Pro-Life ministry. A girl who came last year to the ministry looking for help was encouraged to keep her baby and so she went ahead with the delivery and now has a beautiful little girl. Through counseling and working with her boyfriend, they stayed committed to each other and this weekend they were married. It was great to hear of God's grace in helping them both get beyond their past mistakes to a new life together.

Next weekend is the Hillcrest Spring musical Cinderella. Heather and Anna are playing in the pit orchestra and Marie is helping with the lights and sound. She runs the spotlight. She wanted to help and be involved but not in a role that would be too taxing on her study time. She is already playing on the varsity girls soccer team so has little free time as it is. They are very excited to be a part of this production and I am looking forward to not having to drive them to school every evening for practices.

David got a fever this morning so stayed home from church with Dorothy. His temperature has been up and down all afternoon so he will probably miss school tomorrow. Otherwise we have all been well. Dorothy continues to learn class management skills with her challenging student. This has been tough on her emotionally but she is learning how to set limits and boundaries with her children, when to call for help and how to keep on track with her other students when one or two are being difficult. Thanks for continuing to pray for her as she rounds up the semester.

In Christ,  
 Bill Ardill  
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