Dear John + SBC family,

As we sit here together at this machine and contemplate what to write we find it hard to put so many thoughts into one small space...periodically we review our life, our ministry and our support and we are constantly overwhelmed by the gracious hand of provision and intervention that the Lord has on our life. Though we feel it has been way to long since we wrote to the dear group of you-our financial support team- we hope that you will know that it is not for lack of thought or appreciation but rather for the very fact of how the days fly by as we are active at the task closer at hand. Yet without the giving of a team of ladies, men, and children, like you, this task would not be ours. So first: THANK YOU, truly.

Some of you have been supporting our family here for 21 years and others of you have just recently joined, others of your have been supporting this ministry area for 34 years since I (nina) was a child- it's truly incredible. We want you to know that God has been at work all along the way and we look forward with enthusiasm to see what else He has in store. Maybe I can give you a little glimpse: Girls in church began inviting a classmate to Thursday night bible study. Petra was saved and her life was changed. She has become radiant and is truly an evangelist sharing her faith and leading friends and family to the Lord. After we had known her for a few months her mom said to me, "do you know Fiore?" (since he is another american pastor in town!) After the whole "of course that's my dad" conversation we learned that my dad has been witnessing to Petra's grandmother for YEARS! While he was sowing, and we were praying for fruit the Lord moved Petra right into the spot to hear. Were we shocked? Only a little. I'd say more like overwhelmed and grateful. God took this young girl, who made fun of these two dear faithful sisters, and got a hold of her life. Every week this summer she would call Michael on Sunday night to hear what she had missed in church. She kept saying, "I miss being in church so much!". Your support, my dad witnessing, countless prayers around the world, a family moved into a neighborhood with faithful children, and a youth bible study...it took a big team! God's word says, "there is great rejoicing in heaven over one soul that repents" Ah YES! We can say that is true: It is exciting to rejoice even on this side.

Our family is well. Glori and Jake are both settled in at Wheaton College. I wish there were some way for them to be there and here simultaneously. But alas there is not! Glori is on Wheaton Cheer and Jake is on Crew...how's that for taking 2 Italians and getting them involved in real America! Please pray for them. We all can see that God has opened that door for them and placed them there but it is a huge adjustment on many fronts. The Lord has provided for them and we are depending on Him for the future. Max misses them too but had an awesome experience serving with an old family friend at a Fellowship of Christian Athletes outreach camp in Poland in August. His stories of what God did move us to tears and we are excited that he brought his talents and gifts with him and he brought back things he learned for our park outreach this week! God has done great things for our family.

Thanks for your love, prayers and support. May God bless you abundantly this day!

much love,

Michael + Nina