

John,

Greetings from Louisiana. Can you believe a year has come and gone so fast? I have some updates I would like to share with you.

First, let me just tell you how thankful I am that God placed you in my life when He did. It just goes to show how all knowing and perfect He is. I can only imagine the men's lives that you continue to influence each and every day. Thank you for your service to the Kingdom!

Second, I am proud to announce that God has given us a Church family that we can belong to. The best part is that the pastor, Dr. Chuck Pourciau, is very good. He is an expository teacher who is frank, real, and to the point when it comes to God's word. We recently committed to becoming members of the Church and are looking forward to serving together as a family. Though the Church (Broadmoor Baptist) is a large congregation, it does feel like God is calling us to serve and Dr. Pourciau reminds me of how you preach. So far, I like how he is real about even the most uncomfortable subjects. We are set to become more involved with small groups that meet regularly and (as a bonus) the boys also enjoy the Church as well.

Third, my heart is happy with the fact that I am able to be involved in a men's ministry found all across the globe. SOULCON has helped me fill the gap that the men's group at Aviano helped me fill. Even more so, it has given me an opportunity to lead others for Christ. What a joyous time for me! I look forward to seeing how God uses me and this ministry to advance His Kingdom!

Fourth, Kasaundra got a fantastic opportunity to attend a women's conference called IF Gathering in Dallas this past weekend. She seems recharged and very excited about her trip as she continues to tell me about it.

Finally, please share with them men there that I pray for them often in my quiet time with God. I am so thankful for what your ministry has done for that community and I pray it continues to do so. I miss the team of men we had and I pray for continued growth and wisdom for all. As I think back to the leaps and bounds of growth I have seen in them and myself, I am so thankful to the Lord for His love and grace. Please send all of the men my best wishes.

I do keep in touch with Troy from time-to-time, but his schedule is very demanding and keeps him busy. I do keep close ties with Jon White and enjoy his friendship that continues today.

Thanks for everything you have taught me John, I pray for continued growth and wisdom in the Lord as you and Anna continue to serve. I look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Your friend,
Matthew

