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Question

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To: Roger Collins <clerk@mvalley.org>

Roger,

I'm still serving as Stated Supply for Magee PCA, having been licensed in Grace Presbytery early this year. My family moved into the manse on September 1, 2012; although, I'd been preaching here since the second Sunday in July 2012. Magee Pres is a small body that's experienced some fairly difficult events over the past 10 years - and are still feeling the effects. But, the elders are interested in the church's health and have been working toward greater health in the body. I do think we've been doing some genuine and appropriate seed planting and watering - and are waiting on our God to give an increase. Please pray for the elders and me - for courage, strength, wisdom, compassion, and resolve.

I've gotten to know several folks in town - some homeschool families, a couple of Christian men's groups, and others. Our kids continue to have neighborhood friends - some who aren't (yet) Believers. These friendships have given me an unexpected opportunity to talk especially with my son (8) about matters of faith and practice - whether it be about sex, how to treat others, or creation. (I think I'm the one doing the growing up!) Talking about being a father, and actually being one, are not always (often?) the same thing.

My wife continues to homeschool our kids - and, although it can be "challenging" at times, I think she's doing a great job. Neither of us grew up with homeschooling, so we're continually asking questions and trying to do what is needed.

Please pray for us as a family. Just today, one of our children, Ansley (7) was seen by a doctor for continuous pain in her thighs. We won't have any test results for another day or two, and will then possibly have to see a specialist. Please pray about this. Also, please pray for me to love my children and my wife well, and for us to serve the Lord faithfully.

Gratefully by grace,
Rick

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