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Dear friends,

Last weekend's TRUTH REVOLUTION retreat was a great adventure that came with trials, challenges, and ultimately great spiritual victory! As Caleb and I traveled last Friday, the snow increased. We made it through each rise in elevation, from Wilkesboro to Banner Elk, and all the way up the steep grade to Beech Mountain. The last frontier to the mountain house is a major down grade that is 8/10 of a mile long. It was covered with ice & snow. The SUV I rented did not have 4 wheel drive nor had I thought to put chains on the vehicle. We made it all the way down the hill but slid past our last turn. Caleb and I spent an hour trying to get out of a ditch. It was a miracle that I was finally able to spin that SUV out of the ditch and get to the house. Then we waited for Jamie's group to arrive in their 15 passenger van (which also pulled a trailer full of luggage). They managed to make it in by 1:30a.m (miracle #2).

There we were; 5 adults, 7 middle-school students, and 2 children, all gathered on top of a snowy mountain. The students were very engaged in the teaching. One student surrendered his life to Christ DURING the Lord's Supper lesson. Another gave her life to Christ the next morning. 2 others indicated an interest in talking to Jamie more about salvation. Glory to God!

On Monday, we were snowed in. I could not get up the hill without chains and the van could not make it back up with the trailer attached. Weather reports said the snow was going to continue all WEEK! Through prayer and a series of events, we found a man who came and put chains on my vehicle for a "SMALL" fee. Jamie decided to drop the trailer; the kids from Wilmington had to leave their luggage on top of Beech Mountain. But everyone got home safe!

It's amazing to see how many different places God can be at the one time. Not a month ago, I was in the heat of Jamaica sharing the gospel. Next thing you know, I'm in a "blizzard" in NC. But God was already in both places ahead of me. And He made His presence known in all things! When Caleb and I finally made it home, He was there waiting on us again! God is great!

Sincerely,

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