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We had a little "friendly" competition during a recent church bowling activity. Mostly, we had a fun time together.

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Dear pastors/supporting churches,

It was the first Sunday after Christmas and we thought there might be a let down. But little did we know that service would turn out to be one of the biggest blessings of 2024! Our hearts were encouraged as we heard testimony after testimony of how the Lord has been answering prayer, strengthening the lives of individuals and helping them grow in their faith. There were so many who wanted to offer praise and thanksgiving that I thought we might be there all afternoon! We left the service rejoicing over all the wonderful things we had heard and praising God for the abundant blessings that He has showered on the ministry in Mallow. Last year, we saw 27 people trust Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour through various ministries and outreaches of MBF. In addition, we baptised 8 and witnessed a number of others make spiritual decisions. To God be all the glory, honor and praise!

So far in 2025, we're continuing to see an influx of visitors at our services. Several in the church also are interested in being discipled and our prayer is that they would soon begin one-to-one discipleship. Recently, Doug finished a year-long study on Sunday mornings in the book of Revelation. It was a challenging, yet rewarding, study for our church in this wonderful book of Bible prophecy.

After a break over the holidays, we're now back to hosting our in-home Bible studies on Wednesday nights. Recently, more than 20 people gathered in our home for a meal and some spiritual encouragement. We truly enjoy breaking bread together, praying for one another and studying the Word of God. There's nothing better, especially in the middle of the week!

We're already busy planning for our summer outreaches, including Holiday Bible Club for kids and Camp VP, our week-long summer teen camp. Speaking of camp, the costs associated with it have been increasing for several years; this year, we're looking to raise \$20,000 to help fund the camp. Please prayerfully consider giving a special gift toward the camp, which the Lord has so graciously blessed over the years with the salvation of a number of teens. We're trusting God to provide!

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