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Dear CLS Family,

As many of you probably know by now, Denise Block's husband Tim was killed yesterday in a one-vehicle accident just west of Atkins. Both boys were in the truck with Tim but were not seriously injured. Tim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Both boys were taken by ambulance to St. Lukes for evaluation. Steven was soon airlifted to Iowa City as a precautionary measure because he was unusually quiet and not talking, and St. Luke's did not have a neurosurgeon immediately available if that became necessary. Several teachers accompanied Denise to Iowa City, while the rest of the staff and family and friends remained at St. Luke's with Seth.

Upon arriving at Iowa City, Steven was evaluated. His CT scan looked good and all of his vitals were good, so the doctors told Denise she could either take him home or have him stay the night, whatever she was most comfortable with. Steven became more himself after all the IVs and the collar were removed, so she opted to bring him home. By the time we were leaving the hospital, he was talking, laughing and drinking pop and juice.

In the meantime, Seth was released from St. Luke's and went home with Woltemaths. Denise and Steven were reunited with Seth last night between 10 and 11. The boys were told that their dad passed away.

Denise's family were enroute last night and likely have arrived by this time.

Many of you are wondering what's next...we are too. At this time, we don't have any information on services or immediate needs but when we do, we will pass them along via this email. It's probably important at this time to give the family some space and give them time to let it all sink in. It's hard to believe that 24 hours hasn't even passed, given all of the events since yesterday afternoon.

Denise is doing as well as can be expected. The single most important and helpful thing that we all can do at this time is to pray. First, thank God that the boys were not seriously injured. Then pray that God watches over the family at this time and keeps them strong in their faith. As difficult as this situation is, it would be unbearable if they didn't have their Christian faith.

Denise is well aware that the CLS family is ready and willing to help. Even on our way to the accident scene, we were getting offers of help. We will keep you all posted as soon as we know anything.

In Christ,

Andrea, Jan and the CLS Staff

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