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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

Time has once again has come and gone leaving us with the question where did it go. I know that the minute is still 60 seconds and the hour 60 minutes but this thing called time just can't be harness. Maybe that is the reason we are told in **Psalm 90:12** <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

These three months have been very busy for us, God has allowed us to travel in North Caroline, South Carolina, George, Mississippi and Florida, preaching and teaching a total of 49 times so far this quarter. Only the Lord Jesus can be praised in allowing these senior saints to travel and keep this pace for twenty years this coming June 2017. In 1997 at the age of 57 we set out on this evangelistic trail and the journey is so interesting. Just when you think you have seen or heard it all the Lord will allow you to experience something different. **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. There is spiritual lesson in the article below, what do you perceive in it?

In southern California there is a wilderness called "Death Valley." It was given that name by various survivors of wagon trains that crossed the plains during the Gold Rush of 1849. This desert is really one of the magnificent places of interest in America. Upon the peaks that surround the valley gleams a cataract of color. The rose and the blue blend with the gold of the desert sunset. The valley itself lies 276 feet below sea level. It is the lowest spot in the United States, and geologists tell us that it was once an inland sea. But now for miles it is a waste of drifting sand dunes and lifeless. Sometimes the heat registers as much as 134 degrees in the shade. Yet this fiery desert is not the Death Valley that travelers thought it to be.

The pioneers who lost their lives on these burning sands did not know that just beneath the surface two rivers flow, that fresh springs are near the salty crust of earth, and that the spiny cactus stores up life-giving water.

—Elizabeth S. Gould

*Praise and Prayer Request! (same as last time)*

1. Praise the Lord for your love, faithful prayers and support, it encourages us.
2. Praise for all the safe miles we have traveled so far, preaching the Gospel of Christ.
3. Praise for he keeps us very busy and for the many little things every wonderful day of our lives
4. Praying for more to trust Christ.
5. Pray for Mamie her stomach is much better but still flares up once in a while.
6. It looks like January 2018 I'm due a replacement on my pacer / defibrillator.

Joyfully Serving Jesus

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Cell phones 252-213-9767 252-767-1433 Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.