



SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY

June - July, 2020

*“ . . . keep sound wisdom and discretion. So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the destruction of the wicked, when it cometh. For the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.” Proverbs 3:21b - 26*

As I begin this letter, be aware that it is July 15. God has richly blessed us, and we have been on the road quite a bit, presenting our ministry of helps and sharing our burden. This has prevented me from sitting down quietly at home and penning this letter. Therefore we are making this our “June-July” letter. The next letter will come to you sometime in September and will be our “July-August” letter.

June began with a preacher’s jubilee at Mountain View Baptist Church in Cowpens, SC. We had the opportunity to meet many preachers and have scheduled meetings with at least two of them. What a refreshing time this was.

During the month of June, we found ourselves once again helping Fellowship Baptist Church in Williamston, NC, as they

searched for a new pastor. Praise the Lord! On July 12, Fellowship called its new pastor. Pray for their new pastor, Bobby Allen and his family, and pray for this work in eastern North Carolina.

On June 21, we traveled to South Georgia where I had the privilege of teaching Sunday school and preaching at Victory Baptist Church in Allenhurst, GA in the morning. It was a joy to get to know Pastor Alan Stewart and his congregation. In the evening I preached at Swamp Road Baptist Church. It was a joy to be with Pastor Joey Chancey and his congregation. In spite of the present pandemic, it was a full house, and God’s people were very welcoming and attentive to God’s Word. I will be returning to this area on August 11, to preach the closing evening service of the Southeast Georgia Baptist Fellowship. Please pray as we hope to meet new pastors and have new opportunities to set up meetings.

On June 26, we began to make our way down to Florida, where God opened many doors of opportunity for me to preach and present our work. On June 28, we began a busy week with Pastor Jerry Creel of Brush Arbor Baptist Church in Orlando. On June 30, we had the privilege of returning to Brush Arbor where we enjoyed a July 4 “picnic” dinner. On Sunday July 5, we had the joy of visiting Tabernacle Baptist

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Church in Orlando. Pastor Steve Ware gave us the opportunity to share our ministry. That evening I preached at Monterrey Baptist Church (Pastor Gene Burdette), and presented our work to these dear people. Please pray that we will be able to schedule other meetings in this area in the future as they have a strong association of good Baptist churches.

During the week of July 6 through July 12, we traveled to Fort Myers, FL. We had the opportunity to visit Winkler Road Baptist Church on Tuesday night where a visiting preacher Kerry Nance preached a wonderful message on facing giants (David and Goliath). It was good to see Pastor Don Strange, who I have known for many years. On Wednesday night, we visited Gospel Baptist Church in Bonita Springs, FL and were reunited with Pastor Bill Lytell, also a friend of many years. On Sunday, July 12, I taught Sunday School at Emmanuel Baptist Church, and presented our work in the morning service. We are grateful to Pastor Bob Ossewaarde for providing us their prophet's chamber for the entire week. We had a wonderful time with these dear folks. On Sunday night, we traveled to Englewood, FL, where I had the privilege of presenting our work to Pastor John Boutchia and the good folks of Calvary Baptist Church. What a warm reception we had from these folks. Pastor Boutchia is an old friend; we had a wonderful time just catching up with each other and our ministries.

While in Florida, we had the wonderful opportunity to see our oldest son James, my stepmother Nina, my brother Doug and his family, and my sister Lisa and her daughter. We have not seen them in many years, and this was indeed a precious time.

Our Florida trip was cut short as we returned to North Carolina to take part in the funeral of one of our dearest friends, Carl Clark. Brother Carl went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 8. We will miss him sorely but are assured that he is with Jesus and much better off in his new heavenly home. Pray that God would strengthen his wife Kathy with His mercy and grace.

We would ask you to continue to pray for us as we travel. We have meetings scheduled for the

rest of July and will be in eastern North Carolina the remainder of the month. Please pray that God would open doors for us in August. We will be in our home church's camp meeting the first week in August, but after that our calendar is somewhat empty. We have only two scheduled meetings in August and would ask you to pray that God would fill our weekends with meetings.

Please pray for our safety as we travel. We will be traveling to Arizona at the end of August for a meeting with New Life Baptist Church in Casa Grande. Pray that we will be able to schedule meetings before this, especially as we travel west.

As always, your prayers and financial support are appreciated. We praise God that Northside Baptist Church in Jesup, GA, has recently taken us on for support. We appreciate so much the good relationship that we have with Pastor Anthony Hipps and his wonderful congregation.

Continue to pray that other churches will catch our burden and take us on for support. As I mentioned in our last prayer letter, we will, by God's grace, be relieving Gabriel Eiben and his family in 2021. Our target for departure is the month of April. Please pray that our support level will be adequate as we prepare for our first ministry of missionary furlough relief on the Pacific island of Pohnpei.

God bless each and every one of you in the days ahead. May He keep you healthy and safe. I have not said much about the Covid-19 pandemic in this letter because we are looking beyond this crisis and "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith." He is in control, and we are trusting Him to continue to protect us and to provide for us. He has certainly done that; may He do the same for you!

Pray for us as we weather this storm. Pray that God will meet our needs and keep us faithful. We are certainly praying for you.

Thank you again for your prayers, and a hearty thanks to those of you who are supporting us.

In Christ,

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