

SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY

January, 2021

"And he (Jesus) said unto them, 'Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?'" Mark 5:40

Jesus asked these questions after calming the sea and settling the waves during a treacherous storm {Read Mark 5:35-41}. We are most certainly in a treacherous storm today! The name of that storm is COVID-19. Satan has pulled out all the stops, and has dumped this virus on us. He has done his best to instill fear in our hearts. Fear grips the nation, and fear grips the hearts of many of God's people. Our Savior, and I want to emphasize SAVIOR, is still asking the above questions today. "Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?" As we travel we are concerned at the unnecessary fear that we see in the hearts of God's people. I beg you to resist the devil, and exercise your faith in God. Do not allow fear to stop you from serving God. Be faithful in your attendance to church, your worshiping, your singing, and your giving. Heed the above questions, and do not let COVID control you; let CHRIST control you. I want to encourage each of you with the truth of II Timothy 1:7. **"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."** With this said, I pray that the peace of God is keeping you and that you are serving God as you always have.

Because it is the beginning of a new year, we did not have as many meetings in January, but we praise God for the meetings He gave us, and for the wonderful churches we visited. It was a good month, and we thank Jesus Christ for allowing us to overcome this COVID mess and still schedule meetings. After several months of being on the road, it was a blessing to be in our home church during the first two Sundays in January.

On January 12, we began a mission conference at Heritage Baptist Church in Goose Creek, SC which lasted through January 17. Scott had the privilege of preaching in the conference and it was so good to reconnect with our dear brother Pastor Allen Young and to renew friendships with the folks at Heritage.

On January 22, we had the honor of attending a memorial service for Ruth Ann Arthurs, who went

home to be with the Lord on November 27, 2020.

Sister Arthurs and her husband David started the radio station on Pohnpei, where we will be relieving the missionaries that took the Arthurs place - - Gabriel Eiben and his family

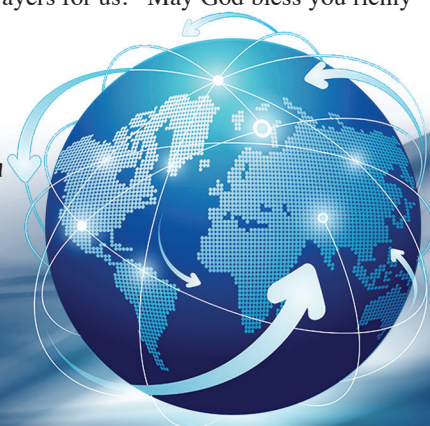
We then traveled to the Atlanta area where we had the privilege of presenting our work to the folks at Concord Baptist Church in Fairmount, GA, on Sunday morning January 24. For those of you who knew Sammy Allen, this was his church, and we thank Pastor Randy Sutherland for having us come and share our burden. On Sunday night, Scott had the honor of preaching and presenting our work at Berean Baptist Church in Ellenwood, GA. It was good to be with our dear pastor friend Allen Sinclair. We thank the folks at Berean for allowing us to stay in their prophet's chamber.

On January 31, we were at Community Baptist Church in Newport, NC. We so appreciate Pastor Billy Knox allowing us the opportunity to present our missionary work, and for the opportunity to preach in the service. A special thanks to assistant pastor Matthew Bateman and his family for taking us out to eat.

The end of the month ended on a sad note as we found ourselves traveling back to Goose Creek to honor Monica Young, Pastor Allen Young's wife. She suddenly passed away on Tuesday, January 26. Please pray diligently for brother Young, his family, and Heritage Baptist Church during this time of grieving. She will be sorely missed.

Pray for us as we continue our deputation efforts. God has given us a nearly full schedule through May 12, and for this we praise Him! We still need to set up meetings for February 21 and March 14. Please pray for us as we make preparations to relieve Gabriel Eiben. The borders of the FSM are closed, and we have been forced to cancel our plans to be there in April. Please pray that God would make clear to us when He wants us over there in Pohnpei. COVID is delaying us, but it will not stop us, and we covet your prayers that we would be wise and discerning! Thank you for your continued prayers for us. May God bless you richly in the days ahead.

Sincerely In Christ,
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