

April, 2021 Prayer Letter

***“By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment.” Hebrews 11:23***

While preparing for a Mother’s Day message at the end of April, the Lord impressed upon me the mother of Hebrews 11:23, who was a courageous mother. We can learn much from Jochebed the mother of Moses, but the one thing that stands out is that she “was not afraid of the king’s commandment.” As we travel from city to city and from state to state, we are amazed at the godless governors and mayors who have issued commandments that attempt to keep churches from having services and to basically keep them closed. We continue to be amazed at the attack on our liberties. These commandments (executive orders) are not only in violation of Scripture but are also unconstitutional. May God help us all to stand up as citizens of heaven as well as citizens of this Constitutional United States of America and do what is right. May God help us to have the courage of Jochebed and not be afraid of the king’s commandments. In spite of the unprecedented attacks on the church and on God’s people, may we live by 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.”** It is our prayer that God will give each of you the courage to stand against the wiles of the devil, to take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. Ephesians 6:11-13. We pray that you will be faithful in your church attendance, your service to God, your giving, and your overall walk for the glory of God.

We began the month of April in Huntington, WV where we visited Crossroads Baptist Church. This also gave us time to visit with Marilee’s father who will be turning 95 this coming July. Pray for him as he has just recently received a pacemaker.

From Huntington, we traveled to a mission’s conference in Lebanon, Ohio at the Lebanon Baptist Temple from April 4-8. What a wonderful time we had meeting new missionaries and fellowshiping with the folks at Lebanon Baptist. Scott had the opportunity to teach Sunday school while there. It was a great week, and we were greatly refreshed by the clear preaching of God’s word. We praise God and want to thank Pastor Richard Drummond and the good folks at Lebanon Baptist Temple for taking us on for support.

On April 11, we presented our work at Every Nation Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. This is an inter-city church that is growing and getting the gospel to the inter-city folks of Charlotte. Scott had the opportunity to preach in the “evening” service which was at 1:30 in the afternoon. It was joy to be with Pastor John Uit de Flesch and his people, and to see the love they have for missions.

On April 21, we traveled to Chesapeake, OH where we had the privilege of presenting our work to the folks at First Baptist Church, pastored by Ronnie Tyree. We look forward to returning to this church in the near future, as the pastor has asked us to come back and preach sometime.

On April 25, we traveled to Concord Bible Church in Concord, NC to be a part of their 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. We had a great time being a part of this jubilee celebration. Concord is one of our supporting churches, and it is always a joy to be with Pastor Tom Sanquist and his congregation.

Our month ended in Duncansville, PA where we once again took part in a mission’s conference at the Puzzletown Road Bible Church. It was a great week. Scott was able to give his testimony in the opening service, speak at a men’s prayer breakfast, teach Sunday school, and preach in the final service of the conference. Marilee had the opportunity to minister in song and sang two specials. She was also privileged to teach the children on Sunday night. What a blessing it was to be with Pastor Jon Gross and the folks of Puzzletown.

We close by praising God for His bountiful care. We thank Gospel Missionary Baptist Church of Sharpsburg, NC, for taking us on for support during the month of April. Continue to pray for us as we travel, as we attempt to set up meetings, and as we seek to raise support.