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"Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ . . . " Colossians 4:2-3a

Greetings In The Name Of Jesus Christ!

It hardly seems possible that August is already in the history books. We have had a good month, and praise the Lord for the open doors he has given us to serve. We covet your prayers and thank you for your faithfulness in bringing us before the Lord. In spite of the limitations brought on by my sore knees, we have had a very profitable month.

Our month began with a preachers' fellowship meeting in Snow Hill, NC. We were blessed by the preaching of the Word. God knows we are hungry for preaching after not having that opportunity for a while. This blessing continued from August 6 through August 11, as we took part in our home church's annual camp meeting. The preaching in the morning and evening services was powerful, direct, and just what we needed to encourage us to keep on keeping on. With the devil hard at work trying to persuade men and women to quit, we are grateful for God's Word encouraging us to "be stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." We thank God that He assures us that "our labour is not in vain in the Lord."

The rest of our month was spent traveling in the northeast. We traveled to Elkton, MD on August 19 and had the privilege of reporting to two of our supporting churches on August 20. It was a joy to be with Pastor Dennis Gilbert and the folks at Charlestown Baptist Church on Sunday morning. We then had the privilege of being with Pastor Jamey Grooms at Maranatha Baptist Church on Sunday night. Not only did we report on our work, but I had the opportunity to preach in both churches.

We then traveled to New Jersey and had the wonderful opportunity to be with the folks at Peoples Baptist Church in Clifton. Here we presented our ministry of helps as our deputation efforts continue. It was a joy to preach to this congregation. We appreciate their love for Christ and zeal for missions. While in New Jersey we were able to visit with our oldest daughter and her family. We do not get to see them that often and had a wonderful time with them. Also while in New Jersey, our youngest son and his family traveled down from Boston to be with us for a couple of days. We thank God for family and for the times God brings us together while on deputation.

On August 26, we traveled to Dover, DE and spent all day Sunday (August 27) at Capitol Baptist Church. Capitol is also one of our supporting churches, and it was a blessing to be with Pastor Terry Moore and his people. The two messages that Pastor Moore preached were a great encouragement to us. On Sunday night I reported to the church on how God has been using us over the past two years. We certainly appreciate the warm welcome and wonderful fellowship we had while in Dover.

The month closed out with us preparing for our September traveling. We have meetings scheduled in Florida and South Carolina and look forward to presenting our work to these respective churches. Pray for us as we travel and seek to raise our support level. We thank God for each of you and daily thank God that there are those out there "*which have not bowed unto Baal.*" (I Kings 19:18) Be strong! Stay true! Do not quit! God bless each and every one of you.

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