



SERVANTS HELPING IN THE MINISTRY

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*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

*I Corinthians 15:58*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These are encouraging words from I Corinthians 15, and they have become especially meaningful as we reflect on our work in Tinian this past year. As you are aware, we asked you on several occasions to pray for the salvation of one of the men in the church there named Mogul. We also asked you to pray for the military personnel that we had begun to minister to. We want to praise God and let you know some wonderful answers to prayer. On Sunday, October 29, we got word from missionaries Roger and Elizabeth Workman that Mogul got saved during the last week in October. We also got word that one of the soldiers who has been attending Calvary Baptist Church there in Tinian also got saved. Her name is Ashley. They were both baptized on October 29. Praise the Lord!! Indeed our labour was not in vain, and your prayers and support had a great part in this wonderful victory. Once again we thank God for putting us into this ministry and rejoice to see some fruit result from our labours. Pray that we will remain steadfast in our service to Him and daily abound in

His great work.

As you are already aware, our month began at a missions revival in Myrtle Beach, SC. Again, we thank God that Friendship Baptist Church took us on for support. From October 2-4, we attended a missions revival at Gospel Missionary Baptist Church in Sharpsburg, NC. Gospel Missionary Baptist is one of our supporting churches, and we counted it a privilege to report on what God is doing in our lives. It was also good to meet other missionaries who are on deputation.

From October 6 through October 12, we were in Lebanon, OH, visiting two of our supporting churches. On Sunday morning, October 8, I taught Sunday school at Lebanon Baptist Temple which "kicked off" their annual camp meeting. It was good to be with Pastor Richard Drummond and his people. What a blessed week of preaching, singing, praising God, and fellowshiping with God's people. On Sunday night, I had the opportunity to preach at Fellowship Baptist Church. It was a blessing to see Pastor William Burrows and his people once again.

On one of those rare occasions when I was in my home church, God allowed me to teach Sunday school on October 15. It is always a blessing when we can be home at Trinity Baptist Church fellowshiping with our

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brothers and sisters in Christ.

We traveled to Lexington, NC on Wednesday, October 18, where we had the privilege of being at Lighthouse Baptist Church. That following Sunday, I preached in both the morning and evening services. Lighthouse was celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day, and I counted it an honor to encourage the good folks at Lighthouse to honor their Pastor, Avery Varnadore, every day. We had a wonderful day of fellowship, and it was good to be back at one of our supporting churches once again. While in Lexington, we were able to spend a good amount of time with our grandchildren and three of our daughters and sons-in-law. We continue to thank God that while doing the work of God, He allows us to fellowship with family and friends.

Our month ended on October 29, in Trenton, NC, where I had been asked to come and preach at Faith Baptist Church. Faith has been without a pastor for quite some time now. I thank God for the opportunity to fill the pulpit and try to be an encouragement to our dear friends at Faith. Please pray for them as they continue to search for a pastor. The need is great, but sad to say, the laborers are few.

Our hearts are hurting for all those churches without pastors. We ask you to pray that God would raise up godly, separated



**Assembled youth choir during the Lebanon Baptist Church Camp Meeting**



**New convert baptism. Missionary Roger Workman, center; Mogul, left; Ashley, right. Pray for these new babes in Christ. Notice the large baptistry in the background!**



**Pastor Avery Varnadore and his wife Tammy, Lighthouse Baptist Church.**



**Some of our dear friends at Faith Baptist Church, Trenton, NC**

men who would be willing to take on the daunting task of pastoring those churches that so desperately need a shepherd.

I want to take this time to once again thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your encouragement, and your financial support. The victories that I shared with you at the beginning of this letter would not be possible without your help. In a very big way you have a significant part in seeing men and women, such as Mogul and Ashley get saved. We know that some plant and some water, but it is God that giveth the increase. With this in mind, continue to pray for us. Ours is a ministry of helps, and we are truly happiest when we are helping others.

By the time you get this letter, I will have most likely undergone my first knee replacement surgery. That surgery is scheduled for November 8. This will sideline us for a while, and we ask you to pray that I will be diligent and focused in my post-surgery rehab and therapy. I have never had major surgery before and would ask you to pray that I would be an obedient and submissive patient. Pray for Marilee, and some of my children as they care for me during recovery.

God bless each and every one of you in the days ahead. Thanks again for your prayers!

Thankfully,

*Scott & Marilee Norman*