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Pastor Bob and Church Family,

Fall has arrived, and we are enjoying cooler days and looking forward to the arrival of fall colors. We do have several friends and ministry partners affected by the recent hurricane in the Southeast, for whom we request prayers, and know that the Lord has all of these matters under His control. The Lord has been good to us, not only in his mercy but in allowing us to serve him in these times. 1 Thessalonians 5:24 "Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*." We are continually amazed to see all that the Lord is accomplishing each month:

### **Stabilize Churches:**

This month, contact was made with six (6) churches requesting assistance for a variety of circumstances, including policy questions, consultations, and scheduling. One church was visited that is in a pastoral search process. Additional contact was made and Guidance provided for four (4) congregations. Our prayer is that the Lord will call and encourage a new generation of men to meet the challenges of this age.

### **Strengthen Saints:**

While helping stabilize churches, we also made 15 ministry and outreach contacts this month to strengthen saints. These contacts vary from literature review to providing guidance for improving Christian outreach, to simple encouragement to those experiencing difficulty. In this manner, we attempt to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15).

### **Support Pastors:**

We were refreshed and encouraged by attending several churches and presenting our missionary endeavors. We were able to attend Sunday services of Pleasant View Baptist Church in Bromley, KY where Bro. Chuck Hunt is pastor. At this meeting, we enjoyed fellowship with the church, as well as meeting their dear folks for fellowship and an afternoon meal. We were also able to worship in Sunday services with the Rolling Hills Baptist Church in Nancy, KY where Bro. Taylor Prather is pastor. Again, we were refreshed and encouraged by the sweet fellowship, the meals, and the vibrant worship in this small congregation. The Lord is moving in these places. Further, 12 pastoral contacts were made this month for support and mutual encouragement. This type of mutual edification is critical to resist the temptations Satan would use to hinder the work of the Lord and destroy His servants.

## Weekly Bible Study

Bro. Steve continues the regular weekly Bible study on Tuesday evenings, though this month has been challenging due to illness and travel constraints. We were just today informed that

one of the "regulars" will be moving this month, so we face yet another reduction in our size. Please pray for more attendance in these studies, and that the Lord would use these times of Bible study to confirm saints in the Word. May the Lord bless these studies to their good and His glory.

# **Ladies Bible Study**

This month, Elizabeth has attended two ladies' meetings as keynote speaker. She continues to encourage ladies in areas of Christian service, family encouragement, and child education. Elizabeth continues the monthly Ladies' Bible Study, and coaching additional studies at churches we assist. These efforts will have long-term impact on the kingdom. In addition, she continues training future church musicians with weekly piano lessons both at home and online.

# **Special Project**

Last month, we introduced to you the "Church Assistance Manual" that Bro. Steve has written using his many years of ministry experience. That Manual is now complete and is designed to assist churches through the difficult time of pastoral transition, as well as providing guidance for establishing financial and legal protection from government and special interest groups. Specific topics include establishing and/or revising a constitution and by-laws, establishing a written process for installing a pastor, establishing the questionnaire and financial policies, bible-based church behavior, etc. The Manual is currently being reviewed by two pastors, and we have secured a commitment from a printer to make these available as soon as final edits and layout are complete. Several churches and pastors have requested this resource pending publication, and we pray the Lord will bless the effort to the good of His churches.

# **Upcoming Schedule**

In the coming weeks, we will be returning to two churches we have helped in the past but are not able to assist on a regular basis. Bro. Steve is scheduled to attend a special conference in Mississippi, and Elizabeth will be attending a fall ladies' weekend in east Kentucky. We also anticipate one weekend in central KY where we will visit one new church, and a supporting church. Please remember to pray for these meetings and pray for these churches. Our desire (and our mission statement) is to stabilize churches, support pastors, seek souls, and strengthen saints.

# **Special Blessing**

Many of you have requested a "prayer card" to be used as a bookmark or to be placed on a refrigerator or church bulletin board. We have finally completed that small project: a graphic designer has developed a prayer card, and it is off to the printer. These should be available very soon.

Thank you for taking a few moments to read about the activities of this very busy month. We are grateful to be in the Master's service: May all glory be to God! Thank you all for your continued support and especially for your prayers on our behalf. 2 Cor 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

By His Grace,

Missionary Evangelist

Steven J. Shulta