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Pastor Bob and Church Family,

We have finished the month of October, and the beauty of the fall season is on full display. The season reminds us of Psalm 72:18–19 "Blessed *be* the Lord God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed *be* his glorious name for ever: And let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory; Amen, and Amen." This season also points us forward to a time when "the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea." (Habakkuk 2:14). The Lord has commanded each of us to be active in spreading the word and increasing the knowledge of Him. Please allow us to share with you how the Lord is accomplishing that mission:

### **Stabilize Churches:**

This month, contact was made with nine (9) churches. Several have requested assistance with reviewing their constitution and/or other policy documents. Guidance has been provided on a variety of other matters, including two churches establishing a pastoral search process. 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, Bro. Steve conducted an additional 7 ministry contacts and 8 individual outreach contacts this month. These interactions vary from literature review to counseling for Christian living, to simple encouragement to those facing difficulty. In this manner, we attempt to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." (Romans 12:15).

#### **Support Pastors:**

This month was busy supporting pastors with 13 individual contacts. Most of these were in reference to document requests or scheduling (more info is below). Specifically, Bro. Steve was able to preach at the Fall Camp Meeting at Denham Baptist Church. We were able to meet with our home church this month, and also thankful to meet with the Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Nicholasville, KY where Bro. Travis Votaw is the pastor. This church has recently extended a call to Pastor Votaw, and he has accepted – we thank the Lord for this vacancy being filled and pray the church and pastor will be mutually edified. We were very encouraged to meet the saints there, enjoy the sweet fellowship, and the vibrant worship of this energetic congregation. The Lord is moving in many places, and pastors are under constant attack of the enemy. Please remember to pray for God's men, and especially pray for YOUR pastor (2 Thess. 3:1).

#### Weekly Bible Study

Bro. Steve continues the regular weekly Bible study on Tuesday evenings, though attendance remains variable. While we are studying sequentially through the Epistle of 1 John, sometimes other questions must be answered, and the "normal" study is diverted into another scripture.

Frequently, this proves beneficial to correct false doctrines or other errors which have been ingrained in the community. False doctrine is not eradicated easily. Please continue to pray for more attendance in these studies, and that the Lord would use these times of Bible study to confirm His saints in the Word. May the Lord bless these studies to their good and His glory.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

In October, Elizabeth attended a ladies' retreat with a close friend from central KY, and continues training future church musicians with weekly piano lessons both at home and online. Also, October was the last meeting for the year of the monthly Ladies' Bible Study group. Having finished the book of Luke, this makes 8 separate studies Elizabeth has led this group through. Please pray for wisdom and guidance in this area; Mrs. Liz wants to continue encouraging ladies in the areas of Christian service, family devotion, and child education. However, since this group has significantly decreased due to competing priorities and lack of communication with area churches, we are praying concerning the development of other alternatives.

## **Special Projects**

We recently introduced to you the "Church Assistance Manual" that Bro. Steve has compiled to assist churches through the difficult time of pastoral transition, etc. The Manual is being reviewed but is taking longer than expected. We are still praying to have this resource available soon, and praying it will be a blessing to the churches and pastors. We are hopeful the book will be quicker to print than the prayer cards (we'll send them out when we have them in hand).

## **Upcoming Schedule**

In the coming month, we will return to two churches we have helped in the past, and will be traveling to one new church we have not previously met. We plan to spend a long weekend visiting family in South Carolina where Bro. Steve will preach one Sunday as well. Lord willing, we will also be with our home church for their Thanksgiving celebration. 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.

Thank you for taking the time to read about our busy fall activities. But we're just getting started. May all glory be to God for everything that He accomplishes! 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. Shults