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Pastor Bob and Church Family,

February blasted in with ice and snow and went out with a taste of Spring. God's faithfulness has been expressed to us this month, and we have met with many of the Lord's precious saints in special meetings and regular services. I am always blessed when we are able to meet with God's people, but even more humbled and uplifted that The Lord would meet with such creatures as we are. David wrote a psalm in worship "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1), and expressed this contemplation "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him?" (Psalm 8:4). We also echo this sentiment with the psalmist "O Lord our Lord, How excellent *is* thy name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1). May each of you pause to recognize the glory of God, and the joy of worship. We are reminded that none of our work replaces our worship; and in the business of ministry, we must focus on the majesty of Christ.

Stabilize Churches:

In February, contact was made with nine (9) churches. We were able to be in service with three churches and had other meetings or conferences with an additional six (6) churches. The increase in church contacts for this month is due to conference travel and continued assistance to congregations in developing and / or improving their pastoral search.

Strengthen Saints:

While helping stabilize churches, Bro. Steve conducted forty-one (41) ministry contacts, and seventeen (17) individual outreach contacts this month. In February, we encountered several unique

situations which provided opportunities to encourage God's saints and counsel those who need emotional and spiritual guidance. Several families initiated communication during February by requesting assistance for wayward children, emotional difficulties, and confusion regarding their spiritual need. These contacts were in addition to the more usual opportunities for personal and financial counseling, recovery program assistance, bible studies, missionary networking, and simple encouragement to those facing difficulties. Galatians 6:2 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

Support Pastors:

There were seventeen (17) individual contacts made with pastors during the month of February. These interactions consist of document and book requests, scheduling for ministry presentations, conferences, revival preaching, and guidance concerning church polity. We have been reminded yet again that busy pastors appreciate simple words of affirmation and encouragement. While all pastors contend with some level of discouragement and discord, the pastor's family is often overlooked and disregarded. We have been reminded of several circumstances where this is the case – and our aim is to provide encouragement and networking in these instances. Please remember to pray for God's men as they are constantly under the attack of the enemy; and especially pray for YOUR pastor. Don't forget to pray for his family, and reach out to his wife and children. "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you!" (2 Thess. 3:1).

Bible Studies

Our Tuesday evening Bible studies continue making progress, and it is the highlight of the week for many. Satan has hindered and there have been some cancellations, but adjustments have been made to help maintain a regular schedule. We continue to pray for the Lord to use these teaching efforts to change lives, strengthen saints, and the Holy Spirit will direct us as we seek to point souls to Him. Please continue to mention these bible studies in prayer, that the Lord would bless, and grow our number. We are planning to start a new section soon, more to come on this next month.

Special Events

Near the end of the month, we were able to travel to Indian Mission Baptist Church in Smithville, OK where Bro. Scott Silvers is pastor. This annual meeting is called their "Jubilee" and is conducted much like an old fashioned "camp-meeting". Steve preached and led singing several days and "Miss Liz" played for the congregation and several special numbers. This was a tremendous time of refreshing and fellowship with other preachers, families, and ministry friends we seldom see. Some even shared their cold and flu viruses with us. Though we were tired and a bit ill on our return trip, we made it home safely. The Lord blessed, and all were helped in this meeting. Thank you to the folks at Indian Mission Baptist Church for their hospitality and labor of love!

Another "event" this month bears mentioning as a praise. Many of you know that I deliver building materials on occasion – on Feb 10th, my trailer experienced a catastrophic failure which left me on the side of the road for about six hours requiring an

emergency repair. Praise the Lord that nobody was injured, nothing on the trailer was damaged, just the trailer itself, which has now been repaired. This situation provided a learning experience: Psalm 116:6 "The Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me."

Upcoming Schedule

In March, Bro. Steve is scheduled to preach in Tennessee, in far west Kentucky, a special meeting in northern Kentucky, and east Kentucky. Lots of travel is planned, but we will be mostly in our home state this month, if the Lord allows. We'll be meeting with two churches to aid in their pastoral search, and organize an additional group to determine the Lord's direction for providing further support. Please pray for these meetings, pray for these churches, their pastors, and pray for our safety as we travel. Our desire (and our mission statement) is to stabilize churches, support pastors, seek souls, and strengthen saints.

Again, we express our many thanks to each of you who pray for us, enquire about our health and safety, and show your love for us in a variety of ways. Your encouragement and comfort keeps us thankful to God for such friends and fellow-laborers. 1Thessalonians 1:2 "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;". These efforts are only possible because of your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for your interest in these activities, and for standing with us in these efforts. May all glory be to God! 2 Corinthians 4:5 "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

By His Grace,



Missionary Evangelist