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Pastor Bob and Church Family,

The month of March causes us to reflect upon our recent activities with an extra measure of gratefulness and rejoicing. Times come when we begin to question whether the efforts expended are having any results, and the Lord graciously allows us to see some fruit begin to develop. Bro. Paul urges us on in steadfastness 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." We strive to be faithful in all the Lord has placed before us 1 Corinthians 4:2 "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." As we rejoice in these small victories, we are reminded that those who pray and support these efforts have received "fruit that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17).

#### **Stabilize Churches:**

In March, contact was made with eleven (11) churches. We were able to be in worship services with six (6) churches and had additional meetings or conferences with another five (5) churches. We provided ongoing support for three churches in their pastoral search process, and visited with two supporting churches. In March, we met with one 'new' church to provide guidance for their pastoral search and policy reviews, and the Lord helped us encourage these sweet people to stand in the gap and remain faithful. A note of praise – Central Baptist Church in Grenada, MS has called Bro. Craig Warren as pastor, and he has accepted. Praise the Lord !!

#### **Strengthen Saints:**

While helping stabilize churches, Bro. Steve conducted thirty-one (31) ministry contacts, and twenty-nine (29) individual outreach contacts this month. Each month it seems there is some unique situation which provides an opportunity to encourage God's saints. However, a trend the last several months has been that many families are engaged in an emotional and spiritual battle against the forces of evil (Eph. 6:12). We have seen couples with financial difficulties, teens overcome with pornography, addiction struggles of multiple stripes, wayward children, and labors against various sin. If you or someone you care for has such need, please know that you are not alone, and help is available. The primary help is the Holy Spirit and the Word (2 Timothy 3:16–17) "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

#### **Support Pastors:**

There were twenty-two (22) individual contacts made with pastors or missionaries during the month of March. Some of these interactions are the same as those listed above, while others consist of document and book requests, scheduling for speaking engagements, and offering guidance regarding church polity or management concerns. Please remember to pray for God's men, and especially pray for your own pastor and family. "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**

We have finished up selected passages from John's gospel during our Tuesday evening Bible studies, and have taken a couple of weeks to answer specific doctrinal questions raised by a couple of the participants. This time has been profitable to us and to them, and we pray for the Lord to use these bible studies to change lives, strengthen saints, and bring more souls to Christ. We have had several new visitors attend during March: one has come regularly and intends to "be here every week unless the Lord stops me." Praise the Lord! Please continue to mention these bible studies in prayer, that the Lord would bless, and grow our number.

## **Special Events**

In March, we were blessed to be a part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Grace Baptist Church of Florence, KY where Bro. Wilbert Ellis is pastor. This weekend was filled with music, fellowship, food, and of course some good preaching! What a blessing to hear of a church that has remained faithful, grown through recent trials, and continues heralding the gospel in their community for the cause of Christ! Grace Baptist also has a vibrant and growing printing ministry which Bro. Ellis oversees for the publishing of tracts, missionary works, cards, and books (including our *Church Resource Manual*) to help like-minded churches and missionaries. We pray this church has another 50 years or more bringing glory to Christ! The Lord blessed, and all were encouraged and uplifted during the meeting. Thank you to the folks at Grace Baptist Church for your hospitality and labors!

By His Grace,

*Steven J. Shultz*

Missionary Evangelist

## **Upcoming Schedule**

In April, Bro. Steve is scheduled to preach in Tennessee, in far west Kentucky, a special meeting in east Kentucky, and Bro. Steve and Mrs. Liz are both speaking at a couple's retreat. Much travel is planned in our immediate future, but we submit all to the Lord's guidance. Proverbs 19:21 "*There are many devices in a man's heart; Nevertheless the counsel of the Lord, that shall stand.*" Our intent is to meet with two churches to provide ongoing assistance, another for extended support, and with our home church to provide a personal report. 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.

As always, we thank each of you who pray for us, enquire as to our health and safety, and show your love to us. 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;". Our small 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."