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Pastor Bob and Church Family,

What a treasure for us to rejoice in the faithfulness and mercy of our loving Father. Hebrews 10:23 "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)". In the busyness of springtime, we pause to reflect upon the goodness of God, and also to thank each of you for your faithfulness in support and prayers. We continue serving and assisting wherever and whenever the Spirit grants us opportunity.

#### **Stabilize Churches:**

In April, contact was made with seven (7) churches. We were able to be in worship services with five (5) of those churches, and made additional contacts with several other congregations or their committees. Ongoing support was provided for two churches in their pastoral search process, and one is nearing the time to extend a call to a potential pastor. Further, we were able to make personal visits with two supporting churches. We hope to be able to meet with each supporting church as our schedule permits.

#### **Strengthen Saints:**

While helping stabilize churches, Bro. Steve conducted twenty-four (24) ministry contacts, and twenty-four (24) individual outreach contacts this month. This month, we have counseled young Christians in their daily walk, encouraging them to pursue sanctification by being "... renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." (Ephesians 4:23-24). Young Christians are bombarded these days with many challenges from society, secularism, and Satan. We have suggested biblical principles in the areas of finances,

relationships, addiction recovery, and spiritual discipline. As in past letters, we ask that you pray for these opportunities, these families, and for wisdom as we point them to the Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 declares "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-four (24) individual contacts made with pastors, preachers, and missionaries during the month of April. Several of these contacts were "new" to us, and two were reacquainting old friendships. We have sent multiple document and manual requests, in addition to providing assistance with constitution and by-laws review, policy renewal, and church revitalization. Always make every effort to pray for God's men, and especially 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**

Our Tuesday evening Bible study continues and is showing some signs of growth in both numbers and interest. In April, we took a couple of weeks to look at contemporary societal issues, then began studying the Letter of Jude. This short work will remind each of us to be on guard against false teachers, as well as encourage us to faithfulness while we wait for our Master's return: "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto

eternal life." Jude 20–21. There has been some renewed interest from several folks in the community as to what we are doing, and what we are studying on Tuesday evenings. Bro. Steve has had several opportunities to share our activities in the community. We pray these encounters lead to attendance, and the attendance will be used by the Holy Spirit to produce fruit. Jude's letter may help to answer some questions which seem to recur among the group and help move forward in obedience to the Spirit and consecrated Christian living.

### Special Events

In April, we were honored to be invited to the "couples retreat" hosted by the Foundations Ministry of Faith Baptist Church of Versailles, KY where Bro. Joe Collins is pastor. What an amazing weekend! Mrs. Liz spoke to the ladies on Friday evening, while Bro. Steve preached to the men. All came together on Saturday for group worship time, and the entire church worshipped together during Sunday services. Steve gave an example of a functioning marriage from the New Testament, and then messages on the Christian home from Paul's letter to Titus on Sunday. The meals were great, the fellowship was sweet, the Lord greatly helped, and the Holy Spirit blessed the efforts - all were greatly encouraged. Thank you all so much!

### Upcoming Schedule

In May, Bro. Steve will be travelling to Tennessee, far west Kentucky, and a meeting in Illinois. We are

looking forward to some summer travels involving camps, Bible schools, and conferences. While we plan and schedule our itinerary, we fully submit to the Lord's guidance. Jeremiah 10:23 "O Lord, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *It is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Please pray for these meetings, pray for the 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.

April is also garden time. The beds have been tilled; it is time to plant. Ecclesiastes 3:1–2 echoes to us: "To every *thing there is* a season, ... A time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted". Many of you know that we use this produce to bless others, to preserve for future use, and to give away as a method to initiate and maintain contact in the community. Often, we are "repaid" with eggs, or bread, or other surplus where we have shared garden produce.

We remain grateful to each of you who pray for us, pray for our safety, and show your love to us by your continued support. We are honored to have you as friends and fellow-laborers. 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