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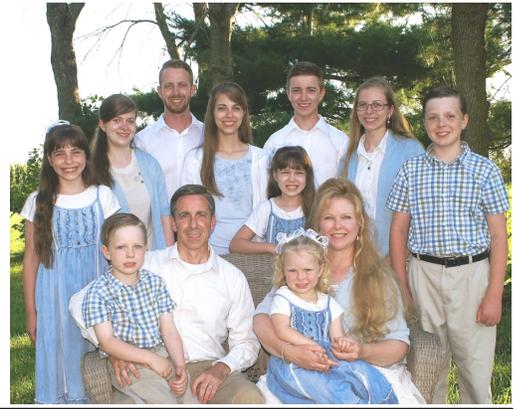


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Dear Pastor,

"The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it." Proverbs 10:22

The Lord has continued to allow us to see an increase in various opportunities of ministry over the past three months.

1. Our Holiday Bible Time (VBS) was centered on the theme of construction this year. We had it for five days instead of three as in past years. It was a good week with a total of 15 different children attending from ages 4-12. Most of these are the same ones who attended in previous years. They are all very well behaved and attentive. We did have one visitor who has also begun to attend Sunday School as a result. Thank you for praying about this event.

2. We also had our Harvest Meal recently. This meal is similar to Thanksgiving as we try to emphasize the Lord's provision in our lives. We had a total of 37 attend this year including our family. There was only one first-time visitor but several others who don't attend services came as well. The visitor then came to our services the following Sunday.

3. We had another increase in overall Sunday attendance since

our last letter. In an amazing period of 12 weeks we have had 37 first-time visitors! Unfortunately not all of those have continued to attend but several have. For the past nine weeks, we have had at least 16 people attend every Sunday not including our family. We had our highest attendance for regular services at the end of August with 25. We have also seen a small increase in the number of people attending both services on a Sunday. Please pray that those attending will: 1) Find salvation; 2) Grow in Christ; and 3) Become involved in the work of the ministry.

4. Our Thursday night Bible study has also seen an increase lately. We began in February and had about 7 or 8 attend consistently. It is an adult Bible study, so everyone attending is age 16 or over. We finished the first series of lessons in September and then began a new one. The new series is on "Great Bible Doctrines". So far, we have had about 12 people attending. Pray that the Lord will allow a strong foundation in the scriptures to be established.

5. Addie is leading a monthly ladies meeting at our home through the fall and winter. The first gathering in September was

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1. Holiday Bible Time (VBS)
2. Harvest Meal
3. Sunday Attendance
4. Mid-Week Bible Study
5. Special Events
6. Ministry opportunities

well attended and an encouragement to the ladies.

We also had a men and boy's outing to the National Railway Museum in York. A group of nine went after a couple of last minute cancellations.

6. Of course all these statistics translate into people who have needs that we are privileged to minister to as the Lord allows. Some of these needs are as simple as giving a ride. Others are more complex. All involve the task of trying to share and show Christ as the Saviour and the center of life. Please pray for us and for the Lord to show Himself sufficient in each and every person's situation.

On-going Prayer Needs

- Revival in the US and the UK
- British men, women, and children to come to Christ
- Our family to be in the center of God's will
- Church growth

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Revelation 4:11