

# Report From Ed Brand

*October 2015*



**We often walked past this building on the way to the market. From 1997**

Presidential Palace Bratislava

October 31, 2015

Dear brethren:

Today is a chilly, rainy day in Russellville. It is a sure reminder that winter is not far off. Our body often assumes the role of the seasons: today my body is reminding me that I am no longer a spring chicken nor a summer eagle; but more like an old bear not far from hibernation. If the sun is shining tomorrow, perhaps it will warm old bones.

I preached in two different states in October. On the 4th, Pat and I and her mother, Ann Clark, were in Thorn, Mississippi. I gave a report on my evangelistic trip to Sri Lanka and Tanzania in September, and preached twice there. The Clark roots are deeply sunk in Chickasaw County. It was good to be with the brethren in the Thorn church. This congregation also provides monthly financial support.

On the 24th, Pat and I headed to Lilburn, Georgia. On the way, we stopped in Gadsden to visit with the Gerald White family. Connie and some of the family were at the Gadsden Regional Hospital, where Gerald was in Surgical Intensive Care. I am glad to say that at this date, he is much improved and now in a room. In Lilburn, I preached a 6 lesson series on Portraits of Jesus. The individual sermons were: Pictures in Prophecy, His Birth and Childhood, His Coming of Age, He Begins His Work, Period of Conflicts and The Final Picture. It was a pleasure to be with the church where I served as one of the elders for 8 years.

Between these two meetings, I taught the adult class at the Helton Drive church in Florence the week of October 11th. Ken Chapman was out of town and I taught his class on the gospel of John on Sunday and Wednesday. I also attend a study of the gospel of Luke which takes place at the local Wendy's each Monday. The study is taught by Lonnie Oldag. Three other studies were scheduled in October: Eastside in Athens, S. Cullman in Cullman, and Helton Drive in Florence. I was able to attend each of these.

On October 8, I met Frank Walton in Athens and we discussed working together in Africa in 2016, Lord willing. Frank has a large number of contacts there and has worked on that continent for a number of years.

I am planning to teach the book of Ezekiel at the Helton Drive church, beginning in December. I plan to be home from early December through February. This will allow me to teach the entire book in one quarter. My co-teacher is Ben Shropshire. It will be good to work with him.

My last evangelistic trip will be from November 16-December 7. I will be in the Philippines, working the Jhun Layusa, Lord willing. I have previously worked with him, but for less than a week. This is a more extended trip and hopefully we will be able to visit a number of places on the island of Luzon.

Pat and I want to thank those congregations who provide our support. Most of you have been partners with us for many years. Some are recent contributors. We are grateful to all. If you are anywhere near Russellville, please give us a call and let's visit.

Your brother in Christ,

*Ed Brand*



