



Missionary Report

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Greetings

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Weather is turning here in the upper Midwest. The fall leaves are in full bloom. Signs of nature all around us are sounding the warning that winter is only weeks away.

As always, let me begin by thanking you for your continued financial support.

I feel badly that my monthly reports seem to be a bit repetitive. For the things I've mentioned in the past, I shall not repeat them again in this report, although many things I wrote to you a month ago haven't changed a lot. We still keep plugging away. Progress is slow but I know the Lord is with us. We are blessed to be laborers in his kingdom.

Evangelism Updates

1 EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS:

My method has been to alternate between two areas of personal evangelism – gaining prospects and working with those prospects as well as trying to restore the fallen. Of course potential are much easier to come by...getting the studies started is much more challenging.



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My methods have not changed from past reports except that we are placing ads on Craigslist and some have suggested Meetup and Facebook so we may try those. I have, however gone through the wayward members list once again. I try to reach out to people who have fallen away at least once in ninety days. I have had remarks from some that they appreciate my thinking of them. I choose to see this as a positive sign.

Bible Studies

Yovani & Susan Garcia: Continued. They now attend mid-week and Sunday morning studies regularly.

Lane Reinke & my son Josh: We continue to study on Sunday afternoons as the opportunity arises.

Montana (my daughter): My nightly studies continue with Montana. It is the highlight of my day!

Bob & Jane Henderson (& others): I continue to have studies with Bob (but not Jane) on some Saturday mornings as previously reported.

"Holly": I met this person on Craigslist in a response to an add she placed. She has exchanged emails with me and has expressed a willingness to study. Please pray that positive results will develop.

Cameron Brummond: Although I haven't heard from Cameron in a while I am still hopeful studies might develop.

Restoring the Fallen/Evangelism

The following is the list of people we have been trying to lead back to a faithful relationship with the Lord:

Continued: Eric & Tracy Reed, Odessa Cooley, Rich Crawford, Mike Harrington, Britton Mahler (A few positive signs, but still has a way to go.)

New: Marty Ward has recently decided to leave the group to attend a Baptist congregation. She has decided to make the issue of instrumental music in worship a test of fellowship against us (she believes it is authorized). Her (deceased) husband was an elder in a church of Christ (institutional) at one time. Please pray for her.

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2 TEACHING:

Sunday Morning Studies:

Ben Lawrence has been teaching Ecclesiastes this month. He has had to work once or twice. He is trying to raise full support to help me. (Honestly, in this area and so few to help, I am overwhelmed here. He wants to avoid missing. When he is absent, I've been teaching Titus.

Sunday Morning Worship

Sermons:

*One week in October I held a mid-week meeting in Las Vegas, NV
Another week I held a weekend meeting in Seymour, IN
Two of my lessons this month came from the book of Amos.*

In previous reports I mentioned that there was a church of Christ nearby that closed its doors. To our disappointment none of these members except one family have come to visit. (I was hoping some studies and potentially new members would result as a result of the closing.) Many have chosen (so I am told) to attend a local Assembly of God. Some of those former members were invited one Sunday this month and I prepared a special lesson entitled *Does it matter where we worship?* I am sorry to report, none of them attended.

Wednesday Evening Studies

We continue to study 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles

Web Site

New, Updated Website – Materials Added Weekly

Upcoming Meeting

November 8, 2015 we will be having brother Doug Hathaway come and preach for us. I believe he plans to speak to us about personal evangelism and every member's involvement.



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Prayer Requests

Those Mentioned in the Report Throughout Above

Deanna Judy: Deanna, a dear friend from Franklin, IN has received some bad news. Her cancer has spread to several spots on her skull, spine and shoulder blade.

Our Nursing Home Patient: Bev Divis: Bev Suffers from disabilities that limit her mobility and dementia.

Our Potential Converts and Those Needing Restoration