



Missionary Report

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Greetings

Greetings Brethren,

The upper Midwestern weather has turned bitterly cold here. We have had several heavy snowstorms by now. By the writing of this report we are headed into January and the weather often drops into the single digits...below zero with wind chill factored in. Brrrr....

We've got a lot of hope, optimism and excitement looking toward the future here. I am excited just to tell you about all that the Lord has been doing through us.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS:

Because of the weather I have not been doing any door-to-door work.

We are working toward a radio program to add to our normal evangelistic efforts. I will describe this in further detail below.

PERIPHERAL WORK:

I have dedicated a much larger amount of time to revamping our website. I felt this was necessary. The existing website needed to be updated but more importantly we it is beginning to look as if we are going to be able to start a radio program. That being said we



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also wanted the ability to offer the recordings as a podcast, which required us to switch to a WordPress platform. In the event that we cannot afford or make the radio program work we intend to promote a podcast.

The radio program format we intend to use is patterned after programs used by two or three other churches use. It will be a live call-in program on 1360 AM KSCJ, a talk-format radio station that carries popular shows like Dave Ramsey, Rush Limbaugh and Sean Hannity. Our tentative time slot will be from 7-8 A.M. on Sunday mornings. Callers will be able to call in and ask their Bible questions. In the event we have no questions to answer we will have a subject selected. During the program we will (of course) invite people to visit us, offer free materials and attempt to get people to visit our web site and sign up for a free Bible correspondence course. We will follow up with people taking the course and try to engage them in a personal study and invite them to services.

The new web site will also link to social media to reach younger generations easier. Check us out and follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. We hope to add more media and materials soon.

BIBLE STUDIES:

We continue with our studies with the following people:

- Yovani & Susan Garcia
- Lane Reinke & Josh Mahler
- Montana (my daughter)
- Kenny Adaire
- Alisa Knudsen (Ben Lawrence & Brad Morgan conducting this study)

POSITIVE LEADS:

We have recently had a few families and individuals visit us and begin attending services. These families once attended the Morningside church of Christ that recently disbanded.

- Sharon Jacobson
- Christine Jacobson
- Kay Rundel
- Miranda Peterson
- Michael & Melanie Loutsch



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NEW MEMBERS

The John Robbins family has moved to the area. John works in agriculture. Their family will live over an hour from the building but we are grateful to add them to our number.

BAPTISMS

We are grateful to announce that the Lord has once again gave the increase. Alisa Knudsen was baptized into Christ. We will try to follow up with studies to help her continue to grow in the faith.

RESTORATION:

We would ask you to pray for and rejoice with us. Our son Britton has repented and is attending services regularly once again. We are going to get together more often, spend more time together especially with an emphasis on prayer, study and singing.

TEACHING:

Sunday Morning Studies:

Ben Lawrence continues teaching the Sunday morning Bible class. Lane or I fill in when he is gone. Lane has challenged us with lessons on unity, the head covering and others. They were well received.

Sermons:

- *Studying the Spirit Realm: Part 1: Satan*
- *Truth*
- *Whoever Believes (1 Jn. 5:1-21)*

Wednesday Evenings

- We have just finished our study of 2 Samuel & 1 Chronicles

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Those potential converts mentioned above
- Transition of our new potential members
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- Britton Mahler
- Shirley Meyer (heart)
- Myra Herbst (wrist)

PERSONAL NOTE

On a few personal notes our family had a wonderful Christmas. We took a brief two-day trip to Wisconsin for New Years to watch the year-end playoff football games with friends.

The future looks very bright for us here and we are praying for big things to come in 2016. Pray for us brethren.

God Bless,

Mike Mahler