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Report May 2016

Beloved brethren,

I pray that as you receive this report, you and yours will be found in the best of health. We at this time are rejoicing in His blessings.

The month of May was a very active one for us as a congregation. We have all been doing our best preach the gospel and to help the congregation to grow. We are grateful for the brethren here who fight alongside of us.

Our attendance average has risen slightly this month from 30 to 35 on a regular basis with some Sunday mornings reaching 40. We are grateful to God that our work is not in vain. While our regular visitors continue to come more regular than usual we have also had some new visitors come to worship. We have also had a baptism and she placed membership with us.

This month we had a young lady who goes to Florida College with my daughter come to visit for a week. She is from a catholic background and has been visiting for some time at the Temple Crest church in Tampa where my daughter is a member and brother Johnny Douglas is the preacher. As she came to Texas with us after I went to pick up my daughter for the summer, we had a long conversation and as soon as we got home she asked to be baptized. She was supposed to return to Florida a week later but instead decided to stay in Dallas and finish her schooling here. She has now placed membership with us and we continue to have a lot of bible studies here as she is eager to learn as much as she can. She comes from a very burdensome background as her parents are both alcoholics and divorced and her life had become so difficult that she was living out of her car for the last semester that she attended FC. We pray that we can be of good service to her.

We have also a sister from El Salvador who is now attending with us. She had attended once with her son then disappeared but she has returned and we are now in constant contact as she visits more often.

The situation with my daughter-in-law has not gotten any better. My son Abel has been diagnosed with a ruptured disk and has now lost his job for missing too many days. She is still out of church and we continue to attempt to save her and the marriage but it seems that her family is having influence on her decisions. We ask that you pray for my son and his marriage.

This month we have also started to live stream our worship services on Facebook. This has been a great asset for us as we now have 13 regular viewers from around the country. We have also had many views of the videos that are saved. We had a little trouble trying to set it up and our first few services had some trouble but we are now rolling with it and it is great. If you would like to see what we are doing look us up on Facebook our page is Kiestview bilingual church of Christ / iglesia de Cristo.

On a personal way, my wife Teresa has been diagnosed with kidney problems as her kidneys are leaking protein. She has been sent to a kidney specialist and she has been undergoing a lot of testing. I have been struggling with a staph infection that I get due to my low immune system and have been fighting it for 3-4 weeks. If I cannot get healed I will be spending some time in the hospital and that's what I'm trying to avoid. On the good side I am doing much better with my low blood pressure as the doctor has tried several medications till we found one that is doing great. I feel so much better from that. Please remember us in your prayers.

Brethren, thank you so much for all that you do for us. May our Lord prosper you with His wisdom and His word and may you always have the necessities of life.

In His Name,

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