

## Monthly Support Report

Dear elders,

Happy almost August. I pray that things are going well for you and that the Lord's work there is going well. We are doing fine. We are blessed with good health. And we are blessed with good attitudes and unity in the work here. That has always been a blessing here that we are thankful for. It feels good to do the Lord's work with harmony and unity as we attempt to do the Lord's work here in this place. I'll attempt to outline the good things that have been taking place during the past month.

I believe in my last letter I shared with you the passing of a dear sister in Christ. After about a 3-year battle with cancer she passed in peace. She was a positive influence on all of us, and especially her family. Her life and her loss has affected each of us. But as I reported the last time we are still hoping for some good to result. Her brother who is not a member of the Lord's church visited with us along with his wife. They each expressed an interest in coming back after the funeral. We've made two attempts to get together with them. And while our attempts to meet with them have been well received, I've yet to set up a study with them. Plus, they haven't come back to services for another visit. I'll keep in touch with them and I'm still very hopeful that we will eventually have success with them and have the opportunity to study with them. I'm also attempting to persuade them to enroll in a Bible Study Correspondence Course. I sincerely believe that is a distinct possibility in the near future.

Another positive is that I have set-up a Home Bible Study with a man who visited with us about 3-weeks ago. Actually we had our first study just this past week and it was a really positive study. He has quite a recent history with some very interesting things that have taken place in his life. But what's really interesting is that all of the twists and turns have brought him to the point of seeking the Lord Jesus Christ. He's very interested in learning and seemingly very open to the truth of the Gospel. This next week will be our second study together. I gave him an assignment (reading assignment) and I'm very hopeful that he will come back having completed his assignment. I'm going to ask you to pray for this study. Please pray that his heart will be open and receptive to the truth. I've been praying that he will become a New Testament Christian sometime in the near future.

We are getting ready to begin a study on the Parables of Jesus in our adult Bible Class. I'm hopeful that this will be a very positive study. As you know the Parables of Jesus are very interesting and there are some wonderful lessons to be learned. We always have very good discussions in our adult Bible class and that always provides for some good learning. It will likely be September before we get started in our study of Jesus' Parables. We continue a good Bible study that has allowed us to include our teens and young adults. While all of the lessons have application to each of us in our walk with the Lord, many of the lessons have been redesigned to be very pertinent to our teens and young adults. I've been very impressed with the study and effort that our young people have put forth in our study. They have made a tremendous contribution to our class. I'm so happy to see them applying themselves and learning.

Plus, I'm also very hopeful that these lessons have been very beneficial for them as well. We have such a good group of young people. I'm very proud of them and their effort to take part in the work of the church here, and I'm equally proud of the way they strive to be faithful to the Lord in their schools and workplace. They are such good young people and excellent young Christians. And while we are trying to set a very positive example for them, we are also finding out that they are setting a great example for us as well.

A couple of our young people just returned from the Florida College camp in Missouri. They had an excellent time both in meeting other young people, renewing friendships, participating in sports and other various activities, and the report was that their Bible Studies and devotionals were exceptional. They each came back with a very positive report and very spiritually uplifted. I'm so thankful that so many adults volunteer their time to make camp such a positive experience for about 270-young people. It takes a really special Christian to volunteer and work so hard for a very hard – hot week. Although having been a counselor I also know that a week as a counselor for such wonderful young people can be very personally rewarding.

I never want to close without personally thanking you for your fellowship in the Gospel of Christ with me. It's very rewarding to me to have this relationship with you in the Lord's work. I will humbly ask you to continue to pray for the work we are doing in the Lord's Kingdom in this place. We are prayerfully trying hard to reach the lost. May God help us with open doors in our area. Thank you!

God bless.

Randy