

September 30, 2018

Monthly Support Report

Dear elders,

It's my sincere prayer that this month's report finds things going well for you, your family, and for everyone in the congregation there. I am doing fine, I'm well and I'm thankful that I can say the same for my family. We have been richly blessed with good health recently. And we are thankful to God for good health and for all of our blessings. And I'd like to express our thanks to all of you for your continued prayers in our behalf. For our health and for us in general. Your prayers are greatly appreciated. There's really no way to express our appreciation for all of your prayers except to say thank you and to tell you that we are praying for you as well.

The work here continues to go well. We're blessed and thankful for those blessings. It's really nice for everyone to get settled back in and for our college students to not only be physically back, but to also be back into their normal routine with us. We have such wonderful young people here, and then to have our college students come in and be such great examples of faithfulness has been extra special. You know without me having to tell you how important that it for our younger generation to be able look up college age Christians and to see them away from home and serving the Lord faithfully. It is truly a blessing for us especially since we have so many young people that God has blessed us with.

One of our members recently built us a Facebook page. I wish I could tell you that we have some fantastic plan or vision for this page. But we don't. He just decided one day he was going to do it, he called me up and ask me what I thought, and I told him I thought it was a great idea. He asked me what we would do with it? I told him we would figure that out later. So, now we're just taking it one step at a time and thinking it through day-by-day. Having said that, we now have a presence on Facebook, and slowly, very slowly we are building a larger presence which will allow some people to know about us, know who we are, and know what we are attempting to do and to teach. We're doing this without any financial expense. The only cost is our time, and effort which is well worth it if helps get the word out. So, we're thankful to be able to venture into this new realm. At least it's new to us. If you have experience with Facebook, I would be happy to hear from you if you have any suggestions, ideas, that you're will to share, let me know. Anything that enlarges our presence, and increases our exposure and allows us to possibly reach someone with the gospel would please us. Or, if it just allows us to direct someone who is passing through to our place of worship, then that's fine as well. We will keep exploring what this new adventure can accomplish and where it can take us.

We are finally breaking away from our email Daily Bible Reading program that we have done for so many years. We're are beginning a Chronological Bible Reading Program as of October 1. I'm confident that you're familiar with this reading program or one familiar to this one. It's designed to take you through the Bible in 1-year. What's nice about this reading program is that you can begin either in the OT or in the NT. And since we are getting ready within the next two-

three-weeks to begin a Bible Study about the Life of Christ, it will be to our advantage to begin in the New Testament. If you have never tried reading the New Testament in Chronological Order you should try doing it. It's really a great learning experience to read the Gospels this way. Try it with the four-gospels if you've never tried it before and let me know what you think. Or, just go ahead and thank me now. Seriously, you'll really enjoy the experience.

Fortunately for us, we think we have a family that may be moving our way soon. If it's true, this will be a good boost for us. This would be a family of four and we know good things about this family and the husband and wife are good workers in the Kingdom. That would be very helpful to us in the work here. We don't know for certain if this is going to happen, or when it may happen. But clearly as you might tell from the fact that I'm sharing it with you, I'm very optimistic. It would be nice to have this take place. It would be good for the work here. As I say that it is also possible that we are going to be losing a family. That's going to be unfortunate if we do. But, that too happens. It comes a little unexpected if it happens, and it will be disappointing. We will have to wait and see.

Our son is doing well in his first year at Florida College. Yes, we miss him and we can't wait until we get to see him. Our plan it to take in a couple of basketball games early in his schedule prior to Thanksgiving. So, we're excited about that and so is he. But he's doing really well with everything so far. He has adjusted well with everything that's going on. That makes us very happy. There's just so many good things that take place at Florida College that's so good and wholesome for the students to be involved in. The society he's involved in is sponsored by Chick-fil-A and that pleases us very much because one of their requirements for sponsorship is that they serve food to needy children. I've held the personal opinion for many years that no college degrees should be awarded without a certain number of hours of community service hours being served. Just a personal opinion of mine. So, we were thrilled that Aaron was able to get into the society of his choosing and take part in this.

We continue to follow-up on every possible contact we get, hopeful that it will prove fruitful. And we continue to pray for open doors. We trust that God will bless us with open doors of opportunity.

I'll close by thanking you for your continued help and fellowship in the Gospel. It means a lot and we're ever so thankful. Thank you so much. We pray for you often.

God bless.

Randy