



Our Work for the Lord wherever there is opportunity - January 2019

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Dear brethren,

IMPORTANT CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER:

Linda's number remains the same, but please change my number to 314 583 5791. Since I can use Linda's phone most of the time and I don't use data, I got a cheap \$3/month plan for a limited amount of talk and text.

Personal: Since my last newsletter we spent two weeks with our daughter Gloria. While Linda was busy helping with baby Lily and household tasks, I enjoyed helping Sam work on the addition to their home and install a bathroom in the home of one of the brethren. I was invited to preach once at the Selfville congregation where Sam preaches. It was very encouraging to see the growth in the congregation, and the efforts the members are making to work together to overcome the English/Spanish language differences. Linda's mother had quite a health "hiccup" while we were away, and we are so thankful to our good friend Lisa Gershenson who lovingly cared for her to enable us to stay our allotted time with our daughter and family. Thankfully Mom is doing a bit better at the moment.

St. Louis: We returned to St Louis on the 22nd, and I was asked to preach at Kirkwood at the end of each month and also today while LA is away preaching a meeting. The Meet-Up is going well with visitors each time, two of whom are regulars. Our class with the young married couple has resumed and is going well. I took my car for a service on Saturday and while I was waiting, a man of about 30 asked me if I had any good results from the "Know Your Bible" sign on my car, advertising the website. I said, "Yes, and I hope you are one of them!" He then asked if I ever had any negative results, and yes, I have had some. He seemed very interested and when I invited him to have a Bible study with me, he agreed. That should take place sometime this week. On Friday, I saw a neighbour throwing kitchen cabinets away, and thought it would be good wood for a project someone asked me to do. I went and knocked on his door to ask if I could take the wood and he invited me in to look at what he was doing to the kitchen. We got chatting and I asked him what his background was concerning the Bible. He said his father tried to teach him when he was young but he wasn't interested. (He is now about 60.) So I asked him he would like an overview about what God is seeking from us and he said, "Sure!" That study is set up for tomorrow afternoon.

Please pray that we will have more open doors and that I will make the word manifest as I ought to speak. I have been passing out business-card type invitations and inviting people to study ever since we have been here, but this is the first time anyone has agreed to a study.

Zimbabwe:

Unfortunately, it seems that this is a drought year, not only for Zimbabwe but for South Africa as well. However, the people of Zimbabwe will find it extra-hard to survive as their economy is collapsing. Bread has increased 250% and their staple food, maize meal, has increased 50%. Gasoline more than doubled in price in January, and an ordinary tube of toothpaste is US\$20. NGOs that would normally help people with food are hindered by the political instability. For some, any rainfall would already be too late for crops, but in some areas, rainfall could save crops. Please pray.

Our hearts are truly full as we give thanks to God for your support and His many blessings. Please pray that we continue to have the health and ability to work for the Lord and that He blesses that work.

May the Lord be with you all,

Les Maydell.