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**Report February 2017**

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 February went well for us as we were able to get one of our members to start coming again on a regular basis and with her all of her children. The brethren here are working hard to spread the gospel.

Our attendance continues the same as we have struggled with some members who are missing some services. One of those is a sister who works and has struggled with her husband to attend and we have been visiting her and trying to encourage her. When she misses so do her children and her nephew who is also a member here and so everyone in her family is unable to come. This month she has made great strides to do better and has started bringing her mother to services with her. Her mother is a catholic but enjoys our bible studies. We have had the opportunity to have home bible studies with her but as her daughter stopped attending on a regular basis so did the bible studies. But hopefully we will be able to restart those now. You never know how your attendance or lack of attendance can affect those around you. This month seems to have given her new energy to do better.

Our newest member Jacob is a young man that I have been studying with since he was 6 years old to one day preach the gospel. Now that he is a Christian we have begun to give him more responsibilities in the form of prayers and his bible studies have become more difficult. We are now studying more in depth subjects and preparing lessons with him. While he will not preach for a couple of years we are showing him how to prepare a lesson and how to read and speak in public. We pray he may be a minister at this congregation when the need arises and this servant can no longer be of any assistance. We are looking towards the future.

This month our women have begun a biweekly get together and bible study. They are rotating going to each other's homes and having brunch then an hour and a half long bible study. This has really encouraged the sisters and has given them more opportunity to invite friends to these meetings. My mother is the one giving these classes to these women only get together. We pray this may help our sisters to grow and to share the gospel with others.

On a personal level, aside from the issue of my medications, I have had several medical issues come up this month. The two most noteworthy is my operation to my arm as my fistula was clotted up. It was bad enough that I was sent to the emergency room and had an emergency operation done on the arm. The other was my legs and possible clots or something going on. I am having trouble with circulation in my legs to the point that I always have to wear sweat pants to help me. One of my toes has is getting black below the toenail and there are parts that are numb. I have been told that if we have gotten it early enough it should clear up with medication, if not, then they will have to operate. We leave it in His hands to decide. Please continue praying for us. We continue to work as hard as we can despite these minor issues for God has been good to us.

Please also remember my mother who ended up fracturing her knee cap and has a small tear on her ACL. Please pray for her.

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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