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Report June 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 June was a very busy month for us and it has been a good month. Even though our attendance was very low this month we finally went back to normal by the end of the month.

This month as school ended and we began the summer vacations, most of the children and teens left to visit family in Mexico. This left us with half the congregation gone and only the babies class and on 9 year old at church. We have also had to deal with some members working and missing services and I have begun dealing with this also thru a bible study I am giving to help members try to worship in a more consistent manner.

We have now begun to really push hard that each member begin to work with one person and to try to convert one person per year. We will help with giving bible studies if needed and Jacob and I will be door knocking one a month. We are pushing this hard as we are attempting to grow faster and get everyone to do the work of the ministry. The work of a bilingual church is very different from other works. While we have an opportunity to preach to more people, we encounter more racism in this work. Whether subliminal or overt but it is there. The idea of worshiping with others who are not the same as you is not appealing to many of the older generation. Most of our visitors are Latinos or younger people. For some reason the younger generation is more willing to try a bilingual church.

This month I preached at the West End church of Christ in Louisville, KY. This is where brother Melvin Spencer preaches. My wife and I loved spending time with the brethren there. The elders are good men who lead a very good church there. The brethren were kind loving brethren who we have gotten to know and love.

During the meeting we had one baptism and three restorations. It was a good meeting. I pray that we will continue to have a good relationship.

On a personal level, The pain that I have been dealing with has gotten worse. After different treatments and even shots nothing has helped. Now finally I was approved for an MRI and then a body scan to check my whole body. This is really hindering how I work please pray for me as we continue to deal with this aside from my regular issues.

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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