



Our Work for the Lord wherever there is opportunity - December 2018

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Dear brethren,

First of all we thank God for having brought us safely through the many changes of the past year. Much of His goodness was given to us through your hands, and we pray for God's richest blessings on you all in the new year. I am also thankful to let you know that the healthcare company accepted my appeal and so we now have an affordable medical plan. This was a tremendous financial relief. We hear from our brethren in Africa that they have had some rain in Zimbabwe, and we are praying that the rain will continue so that they may reap a harvest. Please pray not only for a physical harvest, but for all those who are sowing the seed that they will reap a spiritual harvest.

I completed the adult Bible class lesson series on Holiness the last Wednesday in December. The last few lessons focused mainly on practical things we can do to grow in holiness. I preached the last Sunday morning of December, and the elders have asked me to preach every last Sunday morning of the month. We had two good Bible studies with the young married couple, but it was cancelled during the last couple of weeks of December due to their holiday plans. The Meet-Ups are going very well, but were also cancelled during the holidays. A young man, Eric Krieg, came and spent a weekend with the Kirkwood congregation with the view of possibly coming here to work full-time. He has done a lot of evangelistic work with websites. We "picked his brain" and, with the help of our son Joseph, got Mail Chimp set up so that we can let subscribers know when new articles appear on our website. I have finished two more articles in my series on animals: one about locusts and one about ants. We are slowly getting to know the brethren here, having had 10-15 families over for a meal, one family at a time. Linda, with the permission and encouragement of the elders, is emailing a daily paragraph of encouragement to interested ladies in the congregation, based on a chapter in the Bible that they have agreed to read each day. The aim of this is to promote daily Bible reading and meditation. Several ladies in Africa have also asked to be included.

Personal: I held off on this newsletter, having expected to be able to share this news for the past week. Our youngest daughter Gloria and her husband Sam welcomed our twelfth grandchild into the world at about 6 a.m. this morning. We praise and thank God for the safe arrival of Lily White. We are on our way to AL to help them out for a couple of weeks, Lord willing.

Sadly, Linda's Mom continues to deteriorate. Sometimes she gets so confused, she doesn't even know who Linda is. This past weekend she had a urinary tract infection and a throat infection, but fortunately we were able to catch it early and get the proper medication. We, especially Linda, had a few busy days seeing to her needs as she was too weak and confused to go to the dining room for meals and needed help with dressing, etc. Hopefully she will be OK until we get back from Gloria's. After that we are not expecting any major family events and will probably be pretty much tied to St Louis. If you would like to see us, please come for a visit!

Support: We have now heard from most of the congregations who support us that they will continue our support for the amount we requested through June. We are thankful for and humbled by your care, and pray that God will open doors for us to be useful to Him.

Your servant in Christ, Les Maydell