

Monthly Support Report

April 27, 2019

Dear elders,

Greetings. It's that time of month. I'm a few days early this time maybe for the first in a long time due to the fact that I'll be heading to Florida College in the next few days to help Aaron get packed, and return home. It's hard to believe that his first year is within a few short hours of being completed. It's Friday as I begin this report, and he has two final exams Saturday morning, and that's it for his first year. I'm very happy to report in his behalf that it has been all if not more than he expected. He told me just the other day that he would go to FC all for years if he could. Unfortunately, if he continues with his desire to become a mechanical engineer, then one more year at Florida College will be it. Then he will have to decide where he will attend next. With so many Colleges and Universities to choose from that offer very good engineering programs, his decision won't be easy. What will make it easy for him however will be a good church nearby where he can worship and become active. And if possible, an engineering firm nearby where he can work during the summertime in an internship would be desirable. He will work it out. He's made a lot of friends at FC and he's been very active with the congregation where he has attended. He has extended the invitation on four separate occasions after giving 4-well organized talks. That's not bad for one schoolyear in front of a group that averages 400+. If you detect that I'm a little bias and very proud, you're correct.

It's my prayer that this Monthly Support Report finds all of you healthy, and actively serving the Lord as much as you possibly can with the talents that you have been blessed with. We are healthy at this writing. And we are very happy to be able to report that to you. We have no complaints at this time. Even our allergies have been rather calm thus far this allergy season. Even the folks at church have been reasonably well. The one sister who continues to have heart issues just last week received some very positive news about her heart. We rejoiced with her. She was not anticipating the positive news that she received, and truthfully neither was her doctor. Her doctor told her that she had anticipated that they would have been discussing and planning her procedure. And instead they just scheduled her next 6-month appointment for her exam. She said she told her doctor that the church had been praying for her. To which her doctor asked her to tell the church to please put her on their prayer list. Now that was a great conversation! A Christian taking the opportunity to give God the glory and the honor for the good in her life. Others do listen, don't they? We just need to talk more.

I believe I took the opportunity to tell you about the baptism last month. Our new brother-in-Christ is doing fine. He's already up and serving at the Lord's table. He didn't offer the prayer. But, that's fine. He's doing what he can right now by going up and down the aisles. Oh, we only utilize three men to serve at the table each time. We're slightly smaller than you folks are. He continues to work on a study that I gave him when he has the opportunity. And then we get together once per week and sit and talk and study. He's a full-time college student, plus he works to help support himself. While Aaron is finishing up this weekend, he is about two-weeks behind Aaron. Which means he's about to get really busy preparing for finals.

The family of four that's moving here have sold their house. Plus, they have purchased a house here. So, assuming both transactions go as planned, the move will take place during the last week of May. We are super excited as we anticipate their joining our family here. We are very confident that they are going to be a wonderful addition to the Lord's work here at this place. I know them well and I know how talented and enthusiastic they are for the Lord and for His work. Their moving in and joining us will be very good for the group and it will be very encouraging. With the addition of their two young girls that will give us 10-young people ages 15 and younger. They were with us this past weekend and it was super nice to look out and see all of those young smiling faces on the first two rows, paying attention and taking notes. Over the past 6-months or so I've tried to incorporate something into my lesson as an attention grabber just for those young folks. Either a word to listen for, how many times I might use a certain word, or a story and the identification of the Bible character I'm talking about before I identify the person. I've utilized something similar at other places I've preached with a large number of young people and it always seems to cause them to zero in on the message and pay attention. And not just on the word(s) or word counts per se. If I ask them about the lesson afterwards, they can generally tell me the answers to my questions.

We have another possible member. A young man of about 27-years of age has just moved to the area after taking a job here. He comes from a non-institutional background. But, I'll have to be patient and wait and see what his plans are. I do know that the job he took here isn't exactly a job that's he's extremely pleased with. However, it's all new to him. The job and the area. Although he does have a sister that isn't too very far away. We haven't had the occasion to meet his sister as of yet.

So, things are well. It's a positive to have new additions and soon to have Aaron back with us for a period of time.

Thank you for everything.

God bless.

Randy

