



Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

December 2017

I trust this letter finds you blessed with good health, a happy home, and a fruit-filled ministry for the Lord. I'm a little late in writing this, so by the time you read this, it'll be very close to Christmas. Allow me to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas. I pray you make it a memorable one! Now let's talk about our travels. We wrapped up a very successful four-month trip at the end of November and have been home now for a couple of weeks. November, being the last month of our trip and the most travel heavy, was exhausting, as well as doubly rewarding. I won't attempt to tell you everywhere we've been this month, as it is quite lengthy, so I'll just hit the highlights.

We started the month in Dodge City, Kansas, so we could attend the annual missions conference at Bible Baptist Church. It was quite cold when we went out soul winning on Saturday, but I'm so glad we did, because I met Bert. He was essentially immobile and houseridden because of an illness, but that day he found newness of life and the later hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ! We had two days to go over 1,000 miles to our next missions conference at Victory Baptist Temple in Elyria, Ohio! This was quite the long trip to do in such a short time, but God gave us the grace to do it. We were blessed to make it in plenty of time to present our ministry. It was such a blessing to be there and to get to know Pastor Smale and his family.

We had another long trip ahead of us next, as we hopped in our car for the next meeting in Howell, New Jersey, at First Baptist Church. This was a unique area: it has recently become one of the areas in America most heavily populated by Jews from around the world. When we got into town, we immediately began to see signs written in Hebrew and Jewish men dressed in very identifiably Jewish clothing. They were everywhere. This burdened my heart especially because it made me think of the many Jewish people that Toronto also has. Next, we headed to the missions conference of Faith Baptist Church in Richmond, Kentucky. We enjoyed this conference and the fellowship it brought, but I have to say I most enjoyed leading another soul to Christ, a young mother named Alexis. This was a challenging soul-winning encounter because her two-year-old son would not stop squirming around and running everywhere he could outside of the house. Nevertheless, she continued listening and received Christ. That same day we also saw a couple of Mormon young men working with a Salvation Army bread truck giving out free bread. My soul-winning partner and I went over and witnessed to them while they delivered bread. They didn't get saved, but we planted the seed. My wife also led 2 girls to Christ that weekend. Our last meeting of the month was in Newburgh, Indiana, with Pastor Joey Pearson at Maranatha Baptist Church. This was a short Wednesday meeting but, nonetheless, an enjoyable one.

Praise God! We picked up 2 new supporters this month, so the streak continues to 11 months in a row with one or more supporters. Please pray that those souls we saw saved this month would be discipled. Pray for those we witnessed to, especially those Mormon young men; I'm very burdened for them not only because of their own souls but for the souls they mislead with their false gospel. Pray for more supporters to come on board with us as we close out this year.

Pressing toward the mark,

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