

### Keister's Chronicles July 2012- Dec. 2012



Praise God, He is so Good! We have seen the Lord do some great things. I will try to summarize what I've been doing in the Lord's vineyard and on the home front as well as let you know of things on the horizon.

#### Ministry Updates by email:

If you are not on the email list you have missed several important and detailed email updates with a level of details I have not the space to rewrite in this newsletter. They included exciting happenings, urgent prayer requests, and on the road current news. If you desire to join our email list in addition to receiving a paper newsletter, email me at [elist@EvangelismMission.com](mailto:elist@EvangelismMission.com) and request to be added to the email list and let me know if you want to remain on the paper list or receive both paper and email. If you do not have email and would like the details that are sent in our mission email updates, I would love to share these with you also. Please call or write me and request to be added to the Frequent Update Mail list, be sure to let me know if you want the emails from this past August & December mailed to you as well. Then in the future you will also get the updates by regular mail in addition to the regular newsletters we send out at various times of the year.

#### July – August Evangelism Tour

Full details were sent by email back in August. If you would like a copy of these mailed to you, let me know. This will be just a brief summary of the trip.



Ben Burkey, this trips volunteer, an 18 year old graduate from Penn View Christian Academy, left with me on the

#### Things to Praise and Thank God for

- ◇ Those saved & those ministered too
- ◇ Funds to make the June trip.
- ◇ God's continuing help with back prob.
- ◇ Volunteers on streets & clerical work.
- ◇ Completion of heater installations
- ◇ Wisdom in day to day things
- ◇ God's providence in where to evangelize and the people we meet!
- ◇ My daughters return to Penn View Christian Academy
- ◇ All our prayer and financial supporters, God has used you to keep this mission going

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Ps. 37:3

When a person spends time doing good there is a promise from God of being fed. If we are not careful we can get things backwards in today's world which encourages us to focus on material possessions as a measure for success. So pray God gives you wisdom to balance working for gain and not to forsake your time to do good. If our vision in life is to earning as much money as we can, it is easy to justify lack of time to do good for the Lord. While there is great importance in seeing our families provided for through vocation or business, it should be to meet the NEEDs of our families and the work of the Lord, not for the abundance of toys and extras that are not needed. Christ taught us to lay up treasures in Heaven. Remember Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Proclaiming Clear Biblical Salvation through Jesus Christ who produces a transformed life!

morning of July 27 for the Athens Indian Camp in Sherwood, MI. I was invited to speak there about my mission work at their annual mission's convention. This day would turn out to be a bit of a surprise for Ben as we went through a severe thunderstorm that had hail the size of marbles and winds so strong it nearly blew the motorhome over. I awoke Ben from a sound sleep with the words: "Wake up and pray!" We praise God for answering prayer and protecting us and the motorhome in the midst of the storm. We arrived during the evening service on Friday and got to hear most of Bro. G. Clair Sams' message that evening. I spoke in one session of the camp about our mission work and then we pulled out on Monday heading for South Dakota.

We arrived at Mitchell SD and held a youth revival at the Faith Missions Church. God was there in the meetings and young people as well as some adults sought the Lord. We praise God for the victories and give Him all the Glory!

It was nice to get acquainted with Pastor Winfield Poe at Mitchell and do some street ministry near the famous Corn Palace in downtown Mitchell. In addition to him some of the youth attending the revival meeting helped also. We also did outreach covering several streets around the church knocking on doors with flyers for the revival and tracts. In these pictures you can see Brother Poe in action, within minutes he was praying with people. Ben Burkey, Amy (pictured with Ben) from TX who was attending the Mitchell revival while visiting relatives in SD, and Sarah (pictured) &



Chyenney (no picture available) from SD were all very helpful in doing the door to door outreach.



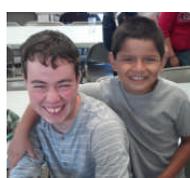
Then it was on to "Oahe Downstream" Recreation area where I was the volunteer preacher for an Indian youth camp called Outdoor Adventure Kamp. Thank the Lord for one who prayed and sought the Lord at the camp



and the one who corresponded by email with me after the camp with many spiritual questions. God was clearly working on many hearts. I really liked this youth camp not only were there great opportunities for spiritual learning and growth,



but its activities were fishing, hiking, archery, and rifle shooting. Now that's my kind recreation. Ben had a special



time with his new little buddy who he spent much time mentoring and showing



he cared. I also did a dog sermon outdoors at the camp, it was effective in reaching into hearts.

We then traveled on to Saint Francis, SD after the camp on Friday. On Saturday we did evangelism on the streets of Saint Francis, where an



group preached to

God moved on hearts. Following preaching at Wisdom Corner to some Native Americans, one man asked to talk with me. He was a homeless man bound by sin and a slave to drink. After sharing some of his heart felt conviction with me, he prayed to be saved. There was a radiant glow about his



man who prayed

countenance following counsel and prayer. To God be the Glory!!! In further conversations I learned of his desire to move to Nebraska. Understand, he was a severe alcoholic and lived on the streets, I thought about the direction of our next few stops in SD and NE. We planned to conclude our most western part of this tour in Omaha, NE. So I decided to offer him a ride to Lincoln, NE on two conditions; if he stayed sober till Monday morning and it was OK with the pastor at my next stop in Pine Ridge/Wounded Knee, SD. He was clean on Monday morning and Pastor Spotted Bear was fine with him accompanying us. So he spent nearly a week with us, as he went through alcohol withdrawal, participated in devotions, and

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Hurray!

even helped us do street ministry in Pine Ridge and Omaha. The mission provided him with a super giant print



reading his Bible

Bible to help him with his tunnel vision. Praise God for the victory. Because Lincoln would cause us to back track some, he was

dropped off in Lincoln, NE by Brother Albertson and had a meeting with Bro. Edward Ziegler. Bro. Ziegler is a pastor in Lincoln, NE who was recommended to me. He tried working with the man in coming to church, but when the man was last seen by Bro. Ziegler, he said he was moving to Omaha. I would ask that you pray for this man that he will walk with God and be true to the Lord wherever he ends up. It was encouraging to hear him say that "No one has ever treated me like this." He spoke them with brokenness in his voice and a joy on his face. If the world could know the Love of God through the brethren, it would be changed!

While we were in Pine Ridge, SD, we did street outreach on two days and preached and gave my personal conversion testimony in a special service at a rented community hall on the Pine Ridge reservation. God was working on hearts and I hope to return to this reservation again on our next tour that way. Please pray for the Indian Reservations throughout the USA. They are in need of God's help spiritually and some desperately to rebuild their work forces and society functions.

Here are some pictures of our street evangelism. In addition to prayer stand evangelism, Randy and Jeff Albertson did sketch charting and I did some street preaching too. Our portable sound system came in very handy as they presented their message through the drawings and I preached in downtown Omaha. You can see the effects of the black light on the drawings at night. It was a good way to draw attention and minister to the people.



We concluded our July/August tour by preaching at the Faith Crusaders Church in Urbana, IL with Pastors Marsh Jones and Andrew Durst. They also allowed me to share about our mission work in parts during their morning and evening services. It was good to see some of the youth from the Great Commission Camp I met earlier in the summer at their church.

## September – Mid January

Pennsylvania was the call of God

for much of this past fall and early winter with only one out of state trip to Tennessee.

A few days were spent helping the Penns Valley God's Missionary Church with canopy prayer stand booth (nearly the same as picture below) at the Nittany Antique Show which is a large antique tractor show/flea market held at Penns Cave. It was good to see some of the church people out to evangelize with Pastor Andy Cooley leading the charge.

Thank the Lord for a last minute cancellation replacement spot at the Beaver Fair in Beaver Springs PA, where we setup a booth with a prayer station banner on a popup canopy along with the Prayer Stand lit up in the night sky displaying some tracts and CDs. That was a week long fair where I evangelized at for 6 nights, one got rained out. Within just a few nights there was a spiritual help phone call to a local pastor who had the vision to provide Gospel tracts for this outreach. Thank you Pastor Ellison and the New Columbia God's Missionary Church for your vision to reach the Lost by providing so many tracts for this outreach.

I also praise God that I was able to setup a prayer stand in the Columbia Mall at Buckhorn, PA. The mall was a new open door. Please pray the mall would be open to us for more than just a few times a year at their community days event. Thank you Pastor David Wise for your help with this outreach. Souls are worth the time to reach everywhere. In the New Testament they ministered in the market place too.

It was wonderful to be back at late night outreaches on the streets of Bloomsburg, PA as we ministered to Bloomsburg University students. This goes on starting from around 11:00 PM until 2:00 AM when the town is alive with action and those who are in the most need of spiritual help are out and about. Pastor David Wise from Berwick was able to help at one of the outreaches this Fall. I am looking forward to their Spring semester starting soon.

I also had the opportunity to evangelize on the streets of my hometown Mifflinburg, PA where I hope to work more with local people in bible studies and counseling services.

I've filled in at the Chambersburg God's Missionary church for several Sundays while they were looking for a new pastor. From Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> to present, in addition to my normal work of running Evangelism Mission, I have been helping the Jackson God's Missionary Church in northeast PA on weekends as part of our mission work. Their beloved Pastor, Warren Major, has serious health problems preventing him from full time pastoring. (Please pray for him!) Our goal is to aid the church in making a fresh start, with the hopes of a new pastor's family being found soon. The church has few in

attendance and needs all the help they can get. I also have been doing some minor repairs at Jackson too. The work at Jackson is done as part of our mission and any offerings for helping this church are going to the mission's general fund.

Helps ministries are something new that God has been leading in and opening doors. Like helping churches and people in multitudes of ways; from evangelism, community camping, minor maintenances, visitation, transportation, and even some church computer network help this fall.

In addition to Pennsylvania this fall, God placed a brief visit to Tennessee on my heart. It was a special time of God's help on the streets of Knoxville as Pastor Dale Chapman of the Bible Methodist Church in Knoxville along with his two



daughters and I evangelized in downtown, late night near the University of TN, after their large football game event. In addition to the exciting university outreach, there was an uplifting prayer stand testimony. While Bro. Chapman was nearest the prayer stand, a lady requested prayer for a job. While they were praying a man walks up and joins them for prayer. Turned out he was involved with



a business in downtown Knoxville, and ask her if she had a resume with her and told her that prayer works. Praise God, can you imagine how blessed this woman felt to have someone ask her for a resume immediately after she stopped to pray at a prayer stand. This had to be a life changing impact for her. It was so clear how much God's leading and help was there in Knoxville. Please pray for Bro. Chapman and his precious family as they minister to the city of Knoxville and its university.

Through the fall we were blessed to hold some mission deputation services at the following churches: Bible Methodist Church in Friendsville TN, Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Gratz PA, God's Missionary Church in Blue Knob PA, Mountain Top Holiness Church in Cumberland MD, and the God's Missionary Church in Millmont PA. Thank you for allowing us to share about our mission work and for the blessed offerings we received.

Most of Jan so far has been spent on newsletter production, CD/DVD production, our mission treasury paper work, and preparation for our Florida trip. If you are interested in viewing our audited fiscal year financial report please let us know and we can email or mail you a copy. It should also be available in print

in the upcoming God's Missionary Church conference journal. This report is the first one where the report contains a whole year of full time mission work.

I had hoped to have done more evangelism and newsletters this fall into winter, but because of some physical problems and many other setbacks things were hindered. Like wrestling matches with a kidney stone that had me down for over a week off & on, other sicknesses, and a fall down the steps that kept me from kneeling from October until January. I praise God that just this past week I was able to start kneeling again for prayer. I learned through the years that we often take for granted simple things we do normally and only learn to respect the health we had after we lose abilities. I thank God for his help. I suggest the next time you kneel for prayer, that you take a moment to be thankful you can kneel. And now, just during the final editing phase of this newsletter, I hurt my back again by simply lifting a case of paper for these newsletters. It took me months to recover when it went out last February. The enemy has attacked my health at times over the last decade, and I'm sure some problems are just my lot in life.

In addition to health issues, I have been plagued with set backs and delays every time I went to write. The setbacks have included: the death of a very close cousin, my brother in a hospital in Pittsburgh and many trips there and back, computer problems (still on-going,) relatives in need of help, and just things happening that brought delays.

## Too Many Masters

### A Living Allegory Sermon Presentation

I have only done the Too Many Masters living allegory sermon one time since my last newsletter. It took place at the Outdoor Adventure Camp. Other opportunities were possible, but because our dog Baby was expecting puppies I thought she could hurt herself or her puppies. The puppies were a real blessing to our low fall into early winter budget. Thank God for answering prayer and sending us 5 Yorkie-Chon puppies. We kept one that came out Tea Cup size to possible start a new breed of Tea-Cup Yorkie-Chons.

I know some people have some convictions about using a dog in the church and I fully respect that. I have found no biblical principle to show that a live dog being used as a sermon illustration is wrong. I do want to say that it was God who initially lead me to start doing the sermons and has continued to use the sermons by His leadings and we have seen people seek God because of it all across the USA. The very first place Jesus Christ was worshiped was surrounded by animals. God created animals for His pleasure and ours. The sermon clearly teaches about temptation, sin, and deliverance from sin through salvation in Christ. To God be the Glory for souls saved through the use of ani-

mals! We do the presentation in churches, fellowship halls, and outdoors, but I have to say the most effective and anointed services have been in churches.

To better reach the world with the Too Many Masters sermon message of salvation, I have totally redone the [BabyTheDog.info](#) website. After Baby had the puppies this fall and because it was previously only a one page schedule with very little description of what we do in the sermon with the dog, I felt it was time for a redesign. The redesigned site has a better presentation of the work of the Lord through this little created friend.

Since Baby's whelping & weaning time is over, she is now ready to aid in bringing many to Christ again as God opens doors. She is always ready to hit the road. I have thoughts of taking this living allegory sermon into Christian schools as doors open. If a church, school, or a public event is interested in a special service just let me know.

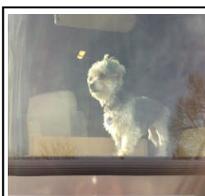
We have released a DVD of the Too Many Masters dog sermon in late July from the church service in Danville that was videoed in 2011, but now the DVD is getting re-cut from the service in Okla-



homa City when Baby was a little more experienced with the message and we have added a much nicer stage environment, a big thank you to Pastor Darrell Stetler, II for helping with this video and stage setup while at his church. So we are now taking orders for the DVDs. There is no formal charge for the DVD, but a donation sure helps us make them available to hand out on the streets. You can see the children just line up outside the motorhome door in St. Francis on the Rosebud Indian Reservation to receive the Too Many Masters DVD and sermons on CDs.

Just so everyone who is concerned about video use, please understand that our family still believes and maintains our conference standard. We do not patron the movies or watch entertainment based movies. We do use video for vocational, instructional and ministry purposes. Our time is too valuable to be wasted on movies...

So far we have shared the Too Many Masters sermon in the following places: in 2012: Fort Pierre SD, Winchester IN, Durant OK, Oklahoma City OK, Chambersburg PA, York PA, Elk City KS, Palmdale CA, Phoenix AZ, Mesa AZ; in 2011: Sayre PA, Colcord OK, Gentry AR, Joplin MO, Sunbury PA, Danville PA, Northampton PA, Northville NY; in 2010: Allentown PA, Northampton PA, and Hanover PA.



Baby on the dashboard of the motorhome ready to roll



## Housing Project

We are still preparing this old house for the vision God has led us in. Last fall when calling around to order heating oil, I learned the last tenant used 1669 gallons of oil to heat the building for 2010, which would be approximately \$6300 at today's oil prices. That is just unthinkable, so last year I installed a vent-free gas stove upstairs where we currently live and used electric heaters in the bedrooms. I also moved my makeshift office upstairs and used the oil boiler to just heat the downstairs enough to keep from freezing. I still used around \$1500 of oil in addition to propane and electric. Thank the Lord that this year I was able to implement phase two of my heating source changes. This took some time over the last few months for Gabrielle and I to run gas lines and install the heaters. I was able to install the gas vent-free units in three additional locations including my daughter's bedroom, the downstairs ministry office, and living room. Now with these new heaters installed we can forgo the use of the extremely expensive oil boiler and all electric heaters. Expected savings will pay for all heating equipment, pipes, and propane thus putting us far ahead should we have used oil & electric again. Also since I now have heat in the downstairs living room, I'm trusting to start doing some Biblical counseling and Bible studies as God leads people here and from evangelizing our local area.

As for the missionary housing portion of our plans, I am still waiting on the Lord's answers to prayer for the bathroom & kitchen hardware and other building supplies before I can begin the remodeling downstairs. Once the installation of the kitchen and bathroom is done downstairs, I can vacate these rooms and subdivide areas upstairs to create more bedrooms. Then we will be ready to extend guest areas for missionaries home on short term stays or on extended furlough where they will have their own kitchen and bathroom as well as their own private entrance. There is a possibility of Mission Helps aiding us in the construction work, but they cannot supply materials. (If you are new to this thread about the **Missionary Housing Project**, read the starting article in our May 2012 newsletter on our website at:

<http://evangelismmission.com/may12.pdf>

## Office work

I have worked on lots of clerical and treasury work over the last several months. Our new treasurer, Bro. Stephen Miller is getting acclimated to the ministries treasury work as we share some duties. We plan to prepare contribution receipts and close out the year end tasks in January before I leave for my Florida evangelism tour. There have been many many hours in phone calls and planning future trips and deputation services throughout the last several months. In talking with some other missionaries recently we discussed how often people

don't realize the hours that go into planning and arranging deputation services, and then I add deputation stops my evangelism tour helps to churches and do street evangelism in various cities as God leads. This takes far more time than I ever expect it will.

I Praise God for the help of my brother Keith as he is helping me get more organized and may help me from time to time with clerical work. He has done a good job updating our mail list and organizing my office. Since I moved in 1.5 years ago, my office still remains to be setup entirely and organized the way I want it to be. Now that I have more economical heat downstairs for the office this year, I do not have to move my office upstairs like last winter.

### Media Ministry

Since July, counting this coming order of CDs, I estimate the ministry has produced only around 500 sermons on disc. Gabrielle and I have made many mission based mail orders of free CDs, but there have been struggles to get them out at times if supplies ran low or funds were too low to ship. There have been times when we had to hold mail orders until supplies and funding to ship came in. At this point I have not done any overseas orders since the summer and even had a short period of time that we stopped all USA mail orders too. Please pray that the sermons on CDs would continue to reach the lost and edify the believers. God has used the media ministry for years with testimonies of hearts changed and strengthened.

### Lord willing, On the Horizon...

I'll be leaving for our Florida campmeeting at Sun City on Jan 15 or 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to attending the campmeeting, I have been invited to share about our mission in a pre-service. The camp will also serve as a base for me to work from while doing some street ministry in various areas of FL. I also plan to hold a few brief meetings with a missionary about how our mission can cross over to help theirs, and possibly some pastors as I plan our second visit to Florida in late February into March. This trip to Florida is another trip by faith, your prayers and support are appreciated.

On our last trip to SD, we only had one deputation service and that was on the way back. I praise God for the constant help from mail-in and online offerings while we were traveling. It made the trip possible. Some days it was that day's deposits that gave us access to funds to buy fuel as we traveled. Traveling by

faith has its trials, but I have found God always faithful to keep us going as I travel to minister to the lost for the building of His Kingdom. The disciples were given directions to do the same by Christ in some of their travels. We still serve the same God who wants His word preached to the lost and God still takes care of his messengers. Ben got to experience first hand the miracles of God moving in response to people praying for our successful journey.

With the late time frame of sending this newsletter, we encourage any who wants to contribute to do an online donation or over the phone at 570-966-7323, mail in donations are always good, it just takes a little longer. If you get on the email list, I'll try to send out updates while on my evangelism tours as time allows.

In February I will be sharing about our mission and my vision for reaching the lost and building up congregations in a session during the Pilgrim Nazarene preachers meeting in Alabama. While traveling to AL, I am trusting God leading to visit places that need some evangelism or other help and some mission deputation services to help fund the mission work. Then from AL we travel on to FL again to help some small churches reach there community. The schedule for much of this trip is still being planned.

Then in April we have a 10 day Revival schedule at the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist church in Pearisburg, VA where we intend to do outreach during the days. Next its on to IHC in Dayton OH for the convention and street evangelism, there may be some more stops surrounding this trip as God opens doors for deputation.

The month of May looks like it will be spent wrapping up Gabrielle's school year at Penn View Christian Academy and preparation for our June-July evangelism tour. Also some hopeful time evangelizing Bloomsburg University some more. Bloom-U is a constant spot for outreach for me. It's in a normal path I travel and the leading of the Lord to visit there is high.

In June-July we plan to be back at the Great Commission Camp and then onto IL, IA, SD, CO, ID, WA, and northern CA, maybe more... Planning is starting now. If you know of a church in these states or state between PA and there that could use some evangelism or other helps, or of churches that may be willing to sponsor a mission deputation service, please let me know. Call me at 570-966-7323 or email: [evangelist@keisters.net](mailto:evangelist@keisters.net). With the economy so low it's getting harder to get mission deputation services. The deputation services are very important on these long journeys. Pray God opens doors and leads people to do online and mailing donations to keep the work of

the Lord going on. The USA needs missionaries as our cities, towns and rural areas need to be reached for Christ too.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

The Keisters for Christ!

### Prayer Requests

- ◆ SOULS TO BE SAVED!
- ◆ [EvangelismMission.com](http://EvangelismMission.com) & [FreedomGospel.com](http://FreedomGospel.com) websites to get redesigned (still awaiting help or my time)
- ◆ Remodeling supplies for mission housing project
- ◆ People to catch a vision and then be motivated to win the lost at all cost!
- ◆ General funds for mission and PVCA tuition funds for Gabrielle
- ◆ Desperately need of a new laptop, current one is over 8 years old and has problems, its my only working computer...
- ◆ More maintenance on my minivan
- ◆ Drive Tires for Motorhome
- ◆ Doors to open for deputation services

### Pray over my schedule

Lord Willing as follows:  
Keep in mind when at home  
I evangelize at BloomU and  
as God leads

#### January (remaining)

Florida evangelism tour, hold mission service at Sun City Campmeeting, plan to evangelize in several cities and including Ft. Meyers Rescue Mission

#### February-March

(full details pending)

Evangelism Tour: share about our mission vision at the Pilgrim Nazarene Church Preachers Meeting, evangelism help to churches in FL and possibly AL, visit churches along the way providing small church helps and deputation where God open doors  
Mission Services:

March 10 GMC, Penns Creek, PA

March 17 GMC, Milesburg, PA

#### April

Revival in Pearisburg, VA  
IHC in Dayton OH  
Deputation services needed

#### May

Mostly evangelizing in PA and preparing for summer tour  
Mission Service:  
May 5th GMC, Sunbury

#### June-July

Great Commission Camp, IN  
Evangelism mission trip to SD, ID, WY, IA, WA, CO, & northern CA.  
GMC Conference & attend  
Penns Creek Camp

#### August

Attend campmeetings and evangelism in PA,  
Street evangelism at MusicFest in Bethlehem, PA

#### September-October

Evangelism PA fairs & shows  
Revival Sept 27- Oct 6th,  
Evangelism Outreach Carthridge MO Attend Campmeetings and evangelism in PA,

There are openings for revivals, conventions, evangelism & helps to small churches scattered throughout 2013.

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