

# Rodney & Gabrielle's Feb 2019 News Update

Greetings dear brothers and sisters,

Feb 14, 2019

# Evangelism Mission

I'm writing from Mississippi shortly after returning from a good day at Mississippi State University. God has been so good to answer prayer during and after our fund drive and to launch us out on Mission Trip 46. I am also looking forward to His providential leading with our endeavors to reach more souls in Utah.

If you recall from my Dec. newsletter, there were two who prayed on the streets of Salt Lake City (SLC) back in Oct. One of them was David, who sought the Lord for a pure heart. As planned, he was able to fly out to stay with me for a short time over Christmas and New Years. I am so encouraged to watch him grow.

We had two goals for his visit. One was to try and get him a visit with his 7 year old daughter who only lives 1:40 from my house in Altoona, PA. Unfortunately, his ex-wife played hide and seek and consequently we could not find them for David to visit his daughter. The other reason for the visit was David's desire to know how to walk with God. He said to me over the phone before flying out to PA from UT, that "Most of all I want you to teach me how to walk with God!" Wow, to have someone so hungry and excited to learn to walk with God is amazing. We did some aggressive discipleship with David while visiting and also took him to several church services. He really liked Beavertown God's Missionary Church and watches their livestream services when he can. David has been using a read-the-Bible-thru in a year plan provided by Bro. Chris Hancock with Pilgrim Tract Society who gave us a calendar when he was visiting at the Beavertown God's Missionary Church. How providential that calendar was, as I have been teaching David the importance of reading God's Word daily and to read the whole Bible, not just his favorite parts. David and I talk regularly on the phone and he has been faithful to read every day and is growing in leaps and bounds! Pray for David. I am praying it works out to spend time with him in SLC in March for more discipleship and street ministry. David would like to learn more about evangelism and is praying about being a minister.

Here is a picture of David when I took him to see the Mt. Pisgah Altar overlooking Beaver Springs, PA.



## Fund Drive Results

In November we initiated our End of Year fund drive trying to raise \$48,500. The fund drive included closing out 2018, our January budget and several projects. Here are the results:

### End of Year Fund Drive Goals, Includes Jan 2019 Budget

Goal	Raised	Project	Fund Drive from Nov. 24 - Jan 15
\$ 5,500	\$ 595	Motorhome Roof and other Repairs	
\$ 1,500	\$ 450	Office Computer with high speed drives.	
\$ 4,000	\$ 55	Staff Budget (office & outsourced workers)	
\$ 4,000	\$ 1,370	Gabrielle's Support	
\$ 1,500	\$ 115	Gabrielle's College fund to finish 2018	
\$ 1,500	\$ 950	Gabrielle's 2019 Ukraine Trip	
<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$13,471</b>	General Mission & Rodney's Support	
<b>\$48,500</b>	<b>\$17,006</b>		

## Amazing Answer to Prayer

By Jan 16th, it was evident the funds were not there to get the motorhome back, meet all the mission needs, and get on the road for Trip 46. It became my urgent prayer that if God wanted me to take

this trip, He would have to bring in the funds for the motorhome repairs and see that all the current mission bills and 2018 travel reimbursements would be paid. So after praying at times for several days, I felt led to take a portion of the trip in my car to the few churches that were scheduled for mission deputation services in VA, WV, and NC and then return for the motorhome and take an altered course should the Lord provide. This short 6 day trip was spent praying and trusting God to provide for all the above mentioned urgent needs.

I am so pleased to announce that between the donations that came in through mail in, online, in-person, and our mission deputation services; every currently due mission bill has been paid including the repair bills for the motorhome and our first week of Feb. bills. In two weeks time over \$17,000 came in and met 100% of urgent needs. Also, we had enough for fuel to get us in the motorhome to Somerset, KY for our next mission service. God amazingly answered prayer and boosted my faith once again of just how much He wants us doing what we do. All of this was evidence enough for me to leave entirely by faith on the adjusted Mission Trip 46. I say leave by faith, because it will be the hand of God to provide as we drive every mile of the way. Praise God for answers to prayer as we have made it all the way to Mississippi so far.

We still have some ongoing projects you will find listed in my blue support box and in Gabrielle's portion of the letter. There are also many ongoing medical expenses for my various health problems. We are believing God to meet these needs as well.

## Mission Trip 46

I'm very grateful to have William Potak volunteering on this trip and his wife may meet up with us along the way. I have made some changes to our trip plans to compensate for our loss of time. I had to drop Atlanta, GA and will not be going to Phoenix on this trip. The churches where we were planning to minister in Phoenix needed to change the dates and we thought it best to work with them another time when near their area. So far on this trip we have ministered in Somerset, KY, at the Univ of AL in Birmingham, AL, and at Miss. State Univ in Starkville, MS. The Lord willing, next we are heading to Univ of Louisiana Monroe, then Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA. Then on to Sherman and Whitehouse TX for deputation services while also going to a Univ. in the Dallas area. Then we are trying to minister at as many universities as possible along the path to St. Louis, MO where I'll share about our mission at the St. Louis Holiness Convention. From MO it is on to the ICHA Preachers/Lay Ministerial Meeting to present our vision for SLC to their board. Then to Outreach and Bus Convention at UBC. While at UBC we also plan to take students out on the streets in Indianapolis. From there possibly Utah and then finishing up in Davenport IA before heading home for Penn View's Missions Convention the first week of April.



## Campus Evangelism

Oh how great the needs are on our university campuses. Just today I had a conversation with a young man at Miss. State Univ. He claims to be an atheist now; he shared that he used to be a Christian who had a real experience with deep conviction and tears as he came to a joyous experience of sins forgiven in his youth. That experience has been snuffed out by hardships and modern education. We need to

reach these students!!!! That's what a lot of this Mission Trip 46 is all about. Please pray and support us as we travel by faith on this trip! We have updated our Campus Evangelism web page, please check it out here: <https://EvangelismMission.com/videos/campusevan/>

### Stability in Finances

It has become apparent that I need to raise more regular monthly support for the mission work and have a better strategy to raise funds for specific projects so our general budget is not so strained. This would help us so we are not so dependent on large fund drives to meet shortages. Please help us pray about how best to pursue this. It is normal for missionaries to make months of deputation trips around the USA to raise their support before heading to their field. In our mission work, with me already traveling around the USA normally, I have always tried to include deputation mission service in our mission trip travels. I have a great need to increase deputation for a period of time to raise new supporters. If you or any churches you know of might like to hear about our mission work or if we have not been to your church in a while, please contact me at 484-894-6001 to help schedule services. We must build the necessary support to meet the many mission needs. It costs to reach the Lost and we greatly appreciate all those who have a leading from God to help.

### 2020 Vision for SLC

Over the past 4 years God has been leading us to evangelize more and more in Utah, and more specifically, Salt Lake City. These evangelism outreaches lead to converts whom we have been working with over the last two years. We are praying more and more to know the full will of God about how raise up workers to plant a church in Salt Lake City area. This past fall God started creating a vision in my heart to start this new work in SLC as a mission which will grow into a church. We are exploring the possibilities with several organizations to know how best to make this all happen. I hope to have some news

## Gabrielle's February 2019 Update

Dear Friends,

I am privileged to announce to you a new opportunity God has made available for me! Last semester I concluded that I would need another source of income in addition to Evangelism Mission. This past December I was contacted by a local ministry, Teen Challenge, to submit a copy of my resume. I was interviewed shortly after and my start date was scheduled for Jan. 8th. Every process of this has been a direct answer to prayer, and I cannot thank God enough! Teen Challenge is an international Christian organization. They have program centers for adults and adolescents who are addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. The one I am working at is an adolescent girls' center. There I have the opportunity to plan activities, lead devotionals, have counselees, help in their ACE school, and most importantly pray for the girls and share Jesus with them each day! It is an amazing job, and I am so thankful for it! I was praying God would provide a job that is both full time ministry and one that is flexible with my schedule – He has done both!



### College

It's good to be back at UBC for another semester. Everyone who has helped with my college fund has made it possible year after year. Thank you. Please pray about my college fund as we start another semester. The college fund goal is presently \$3,100.

### Ukraine Trip

As many of you know, I am going on a mission's trip to Ukraine this summer! The total amount I need to raise for the trip is \$1500. I am so grateful to each of you who have supported through prayer and/or giving financially. God has been so faithful, and \$950 has already come in! That leaves only \$550 left to be raised by July! Praise God! We were supposed to order tickets

in the next few months. To learn more about our 2020 vision, the open mission team positions and to watch a video presentation about it please visit: <http://EvangelismMission.com/2020vision>

Please catch a vision for our SLC portion of our Trip.....

SLC was part of our original Trip 46 plan. I planned to go to SLC after leaving Phoenix, AZ on my way to Davenport, IA. Since I am not going to Phoenix on this trip, I am praying about how to still make it to SLC. There is a great need to meet with our new converts again, do some street evangelism, and meet with a Vietnamese pastor who may be willing to allow us to use their church at times when they are not holding services. In order to make this trip, I will need to raise around \$1500, depending on flight tickets, lodging, and rental car prices, or we may take the motorhome for roughly the same cost. Over the past 4 years we have made trips to Utah out of our regular mission funds and trip fund drives. I see that the time has come to start raising funds specifically for our Utah projects. Are you interested in seeing us continue to expand the Gospel in Utah? Then please help support this greatly needed trip in March.

All funds raise for the "Utah Fund" will be held in reserve for any Utah trips and expenses. I am looking forward to what God will do in the future as our God lead 2020 Vision unfolds.

Thank you for your prayers and support..... Rodney M. Keister

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**"RK Support"** (includes general mission expenses, Rodney's Support & Healthcare, and Mission Trip 46  
**"Utah Fund"** any Utah related travel and expenses  
**"Office PC"** \$450 of \$1500 raise so far (important project)  
**"Staff Budget"** around \$800 monthly

Jan. 18, but the prices went up and we will be ordering tickets by March at the latest. Once tickets are ordered, the exact dates will be known. The tentative dates are July 23-Aug 7. Please continue praying for this trip; we want to see souls saved and lives changed!

### Utah Trip

I will also be taking a mission trip to Utah with my dad for a week. I will fly out to meet him on June 15 and return on June 22. The cost for this mission trip will be around \$600. I am super excited about what God will do during our time in Utah! If you feel led to support this mission trip, I would greatly appreciate it! Donations to my summer mission trips will first go towards the Ukraine trip, then to the Utah trip.

God is doing great things in Indianapolis! His presence has been felt at Wheeler Mission, and a group of friends and I had the privilege of sharing Christ with a man downtown just the other day! We are starting a monthly outreach called "Seek and Find" on February 16. We will prepare some sack lunches, pick out a passage of Scripture on salvation, and go seek the physically and spiritually hungry in attempt that they find Jesus by sharing His word with them while they eat! It will be a monthly event taking place on a Saturday afternoon. Please pray God helps us and souls are reached! If you live in the Indianapolis area, shoot me a text or email and come join us!

Blessings..... Gabrielle M. Keister

How to support Gabrielle's Summer Mission Trips:

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