

PRAISE REPORT

Souls Saved in NY

Thank you for praying about our short mission trip to an Indian reservation near Salamanca NY. Originally it was just planned to help the new pastor with things around the parsonage that had not been lived in for a while and do some local evangelism. But God had other plans. In addition to those things, I ended up sharing a little about our mission work, preaching, and sharing my testimony on Sunday night. Praise to GOD ALONE, the Lord moved on hearts and some sought the Lord during the altar call. Pray for their continued walk and that they will be discipled by the church.

Miracle at a Truck Stop

It was Oct. 31, 2013. Ben Burkey and I stopped at a truck stop with the motorhome for the night just north of Columbus OH. We had a days journey remaining to make it home. Just before going to sleep I decided to check the mission bank account and do some final calculations for our gas needs to complete our journey. I had estimated the day before that we had just exactly what we needed to make the journey home. But to my horror I found that my previous calculation were wrong, and the available funds were much lower than expected.

In light of the situation, what will we do echoed through my mind as I prayed and committed it into God's hands. That night I went to sleep with a heavy heart. The next morning I arose and rechecked my calculations and mission bank account funds, but it was just as before. We were way short of making it home. So I prayed again mentioning that if God wanted me to continue in this mission work, He would need to provide. Then, while taking a shower, the phone rang several times. When I listened to the voice mail, a Christian brother's voice rang out frantically saying I need to call him back right away with a bank account number, so he could transfer money to me now. Wow, that was exciting to hear his burden so deep that his need to give was urgent even without knowledge of our situation.

I quickly returned his call, and he told me that he must transfer money as soon as the bank opens. Praise the Lord! Altogether, the brother wired equivalent of 11 months worth of his regular support totaling \$550, into the mission's

bank account. In a few hours the transfer was complete and in the bank, thus enabling us to make our trip home with all the fuel we needed and money left over.

Praise the Lord! The testimony does not stop there. God knew the future too. Little did I know that when I got home that I would be out of propane at the house. Thank God, the Lord knew those needs too, because the extra support of that \$550 not needed for gas in the motorhome was enough to get propane delivered to the house. I say Praise the Lord INDEED!!!! Living by faith has never been easy on the nerves, but it sure is a wonderful testimony time and time again how God provides for the mission work and our family to keep going. To God Be The Glory for all He has done!

1996 Geo Tracker

Praise The Lord! Thank you for praying across the past two years about our need of a lower mileage & more economical vehicle that could be flat tow behind the motorhome instead of on a tow dolly. Praise God: \$100 was donated for



the project; after a month posted for sale, the tow dolly sold for \$1,100; and Gabi made a \$100 investment too. That left only \$300 to met the purchase price. Thankfully after a deputation service we were able to pull it all together. The Geo can be towed behind the motorhome at about 1/2 the weight and far less work to only connect a tow bar instead of loading my van front end on a tow dolly. This means less time, and less torment on my back to hook up. It will also save a lot on motorhome travel expenses being lighter to tow and it gets about 25% better fuel economy than my van. Please pray we get the needed maintenance done to slow the rusting body & frame and the right tow bar.

Increased Discipleship Vision across the USA

I am very please to announce that I have seen such a wonderful increase in people catching a deeper vision to not only evangelize but also to disciple new Christians. As I travel from place to place it has always been my teaching to direct new Christians to local churches for

discipleship. On every Gospel tract we distribute is a toll free number and a website where people can find spiritual help and a directory of good churches across the USA. For years I have been stressing the need of every new Christian to be discipled by a local congregation as I preach and teach, and this year I am seeing a greater response to the acknowledgement of the church's responsibility to spend time training new Christians. Praise God!

I highly recommend these discipleship materials: a book called "Discipleship by the Book" by Dr. David Gordeuk from Hobe Sound, FL and my previously most used Nazarene Publishing's 8 week "Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians" and they also have another 8 lessons on the Holy Spirit. I am excited to be reviewing a book call "Youth Aflame, A Manual for Discipleship" by Winkie Pratney. The more I read Youth Aflame the more I am encouraged it is a great tool for discipleship and one of the greatest keys for revival in our land!

Missionary Housing Project MHP

Praise God for all the items provided so far for the project:



Electric range/oven

Dishwasher

Kitchen cabinets & sinks

Recliner chair

Some drywall

Two beds

Dinning room table & chairs

Fire Place



More Provisions from the Lord

I was shopping in our nearby Mennonite run discount grocery store looking at the meat. There was not much to choose from that was not loaded with excessive salt and other bad ingredients as we do not buy much processed meat or at high

prices. So I whispered a quick prayer to God of our need for meat as our supply was depleted. Little did I know how quickly God would answer that prayer. In a few hours a lady from church asked us if we could use some meat. I gladly said yes and Gabi and I were asked to follow her and her husband home. There we received a front quarter of beef. Later in Dec. during our unsuccessful hunting season, a game warden stopped by and gave us a hunters mistake kill deer. We praise God for how he supplies our needs as we labor for the Kingdom.. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray Over our Future Work:

Pray for: *Souls to be saved while evangelizing in local towns and universities; *deputation services to open up; *for my current scheduled trips and when to schedule new trips that God is calling me to; *to compete a month's worth of personal things that have been waiting since we moved in 2.5 years ago, opening up our storage area for missionary bed rooms and living room; *items and/or funds to proceed with MHP; *work on Missionary Housing Project ASAP; *St. Louis Holiness Convention Trip end of Feb.

Pray for Treasurer and Office help

One and a half years ago, Bro. Stephen Miller took on the treasurer's job for our mission work on a trial basis and has now found that it's too much with all his many other pastoral and personal duties in life. Please pray God would assure our hearts who the new treasure should be. This is a big job, really like a part-time job for someone, but the mission is often tight on funds to meet operating cost, let alone to salary a part-time worker. So the treasurer has always been a volunteer job with lots of hours and no pay. Please pray God gives wisdom in this transition or to hire a part-time secretary/treasurer. A secretary would be such a help as the paper/computer work has grown. I am greatly slowed down from ministry to do office work. Please pray we find the best solution.

Critical Mission Obligations

In my Dec. News Update Letter there was a prayer request to meet our year end obligations. While I hate to talk about finances, I have heard from the pulpit of churches when a church has building expenses that must be met or other needs. I have read in missionary organization letters when their current operating costs aren't met and make requests for funds. I have received appeal support letters from Bible colleges and other ministries too. So please

understand that as a full-time, faith-based, mission work we too need to take the time to share some important details about the financial needs.

Before I share those needs I want to write a few things from my heart. We live sacrificially in many ways. I have lived approximately 50% or more of 2013 in the motorhome while working for the Kingdom. Of the approximately 30,000 traveled across two years, only approximately 400 miles were used personally. Yet over that past two years, my mother and I have donated the majority of the motorhome cost eventhough it is used 99% for the mission work. The building we live in is not just for our family; it is about the work of the Lord. The building is used for our family living space, mission office, counseling area, mission equipment storage, and additional missionary quarters under development. I also want you to know that all income from any personal meetings I held this year have gone directly into the mission general fund. I say all this to stress that I put my all into this mission work and know it is the will of the Lord that I do as directed by Him. From our income, to the motorhome, and our house, all is dedicated to the work of the Lord.

There are some very important outstanding expenses from 2013 and Jan. 2014 that must be paid ASAP. One is the building rent & utility payments that must be paid immediately. I am not the only missionary who has experienced building fund needs. A foreign missionary shared with me sometime over the past two years that they fell 3 months behind in their foreign, field-house rent at one point. Wow, I thought I was the only one experiencing such a hardship. I don't want to jeopardize our ability to stay in the building, and in about 2.5 years we need to secure a mortgage for the purchase of the building. Please pray that our building expenses would be met, and for the future, that we could find some private Christian investor who would help us purchase the building with a low interest mortgage and more affordable monthly payments than the current rent.

Please pray God would supply all the obligations of the mission work. I also want to stress, that I know the struggles of some of you and the sacrifices you already make just to support missions. I don't want anyone to feel under some false conviction that you need to personally do something. If you are unable to help, please just pray God would meet the needs.

Missionary Housing Project

There is a missionary family that is excited to use our proposed missionary area of the house this spring. It is very important, and we ask that you please pray we can get the renovations done soon. Other missionaries have already said how much they could use a private place to stay when home from the field as well. Bro. Will Byler with Mission Helps, Inc. is planning to including our facility in their list of places missionary can stay across the USA. This missionary private area will include two private entrances, a kitchen with laundry area, full bathroom, living & dinning room, and bed room(s). It will be available for short term or long term use up to a year for a free will offering to the mission; long term guest will need to reimburse a minimum of their utility cost. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Sincerely,

Rodney Keister

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Evangelism Mission Prayer List *cut out*

- ◇ Wisdom & Good Health!
- ◇ Fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
- ◇ Target Evangelism Locations:
 - Bloomsburg, Penn State, & Locke Haven Universities
 - Local towns & villages
- ◇ Tracts suitable for universities
- ◇ Toner to do color printing again
- ◇ St. Louis Convention Trip
- ◇ Overcome Oppositions
- ◇ Critical Needs (detailed above)
- ◇ Motorhome
 - * Refrigerator (repair or replace)
 - * 1 of the furnaces (repair or replace)
 - * New toilet
 - * 4 new traction tires
 - * Tow Bar (Blue OX or equal quality)
- ◇ PVCA Tuition funds for Gabrielle
- ◇ Missionary Housing Project
 - * Building Supplies or funds
 - + Studs, Drywall, Electrical
 - + Vanity sink, plumbing,
 - + tub-length shower stall
 - + Kitchen counter top
 - * Furniture & Appliances
 - + Refrigerator (1 died)
 - + HE Washer & Dryer (Stackable)
 - + Dishwasher (2nd kitchen)
 - + Sofa-bed couch & chairs
 - + Living room stands
 - + Propane range/oven
 - + Propane hot water heater
 - + Propane dryer (floor model)
gas appliances needed because of limited building electric

January 31, 2014