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*July-September Report, 2022*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, family, and friends,

As noted above, this is a 3-month report. We earlier alerted contributors that this would be the case for the remainder of this year due to the fact that we took a long vacation trip during the end of the summer. Since I was a teen I have typically been loathe to take a day off. Occasionally the need to do so builds up to the point that there is no option. (I know, that’s nothing to be proud of, but it’s a fact.) In the spring I saw the need coming for a long get-away. We traveled in the RV through 16 states from July 14 through September 17. I was in the 7<sup>th</sup> week of that trip before I felt enthusiastic to get back home and back to work. It was time profitably invested – and it wasn’t time spent completely away from the mission at our hearts. Some details are included below.

**CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS**

**Lincoln.** On our last Sunday before vacation (July 10) Doug Adams was on his doctor’s strict order to stay off his affected leg. I preached “What Peter Preached to Cornelius” (Acts 10), and “What Paul Preached in Thessalonica” (Acts 17). The following Wednesday I finished our study of Revelation chapter 13. Doug taught various topical studies while we were gone, and continued to do so through the end of September. The Revelation is to resume in October.

**Ibrahimpatnam.** On August 17 I spoke via Skype to over 100 preachers and elders gathered here for a lectureship. My topic was “What a Preacher Does” (taken from instructions to Timothy and Titus). For the anniversary lectureship on September 6 the elders asked the local preacher, N. Vijaya Rao, to preach this year.

**Krishna River Preacher-Training School.** On July 10 the Skype class was on the subject of baptisms. The instructor (brother Philip) had asked me to clarify the subject for the students. They had read of several baptisms in the New Testament, and then read in Ephesians 4:5 that there is “one baptism.” A new school term begins on the church anniversary date, September 6. For the past six years I have been asked to address the students. Vijaya Rao and I mis-communicated: I thought that was his role as lectureship speaker, and he didn’t tell me otherwise. They expected me to call, but I wasn’t near the computer.



In Sunny Slope, Omaha

**Churches along the way.** During our trip we visited 12 churches: Lebanon, Indiana; Scottsboro, Alabama; Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Gladewater, Texas; Carthage, Missouri; St. Joseph, Missouri; Omaha, Nebraska; Mitchell, South Dakota; Minot, North Dakota; New Richmond, Wisconsin; Dubuque, Iowa; and Crown Point, Indiana. It was especially enjoyable to visit Carthage and Minot where I had lived and preached in years past, and to spend several hours visiting with people that I had known: Gary Hutchens in Omaha was my best friend in College; George Sinkie of Mitchell and I had met in lectureships in Bismark when I preached in Minot. We camped in River Falls, Wisconsin, but the church in which I preached in the 1980s has closed, so we drove north to New Richmond. Sybil and I are very pleased to report that in every place we found brethren holding firmly to “the faith once delivered,” and encouraging daily Bible reading. It seems that daily we all are

And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily (Acts 16:5)



Crown Point September 11

bombarded with the doom and gloom of departures from the old paths in the church as in politics, education, entertainment, and about everything else. We are much more optimistic for the future of the church in the middle section of America. Certainly, we were encouraged in our faith at every stop. I was asked to preach (“7 Truths the Wise Acknowledge”) in the morning assembly of the Sunny Slope church in Omaha on August 12, and on September 11 (“The Story of Life”) in Crown Point. On September 7 the brethren of the Heartland church in Dubuque asked me to guide them in dealing with the case of a visitor trying to bring in new doctrines and practices. We discussed the matter for two hours in lieu of the scheduled 1-hour Wednesday class time.

**LITERATURE**

**Tracts & Books.** We didn’t record every distribution on the trip, but tracts were given everywhere, and books to several of the preachers.

**ONLINE TEACHING**

**Confirming the Churches Bible Class.** The series on the epistle to the Galatians concluded on August 10 (class recorded before the trip). At that time I announced that the class would be taking a break until at least November. I wasn’t sure at the time whether we would start again in November, or wait until after the holidays and resume in January. We plan to make a final decision and announcement about the first of November, but it appears at this time that it will be January.

**Oak Leaf Bible Study Group.** On July 12 I was invited to speak to this Facebook group. Brother Andre Moore, whom we met at the first “Contending for THE Faith” lectureship in Moncton, New Brunswick in 2016, is working to establish the church in the Oak Leaf community in Florida. He began this Facebook group to train the new Christians and to promote the gospel to the community. He combines live and pre-recorded classes at scheduled times on several days each week. I spoke on the subject of restoration of the apostles’ teaching. Brother Moore asked me to speak again after our vacation. On September 16 I preached “The Story of Life,” after which he asked me to be the regular Friday night speaker. The 23<sup>rd</sup> my lesson was “You Can Understand the Bible.” On the 23<sup>rd</sup> I preached from my tract, “Can a God of Love be a God of Wrath?”. See this video at (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/5170776966322413>). These lessons are live on Facebook each Friday at 7:00 eastern time on the page “Oak Leaf - Digital Bible Study.”

May God bless you every day for your support of this and other efforts to evangelize the world and edify the church.

In His service,

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