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August-September News

*"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:"
Ephesians 1:1*

Webster's Dictionary defines the word 'faithful' as being constant in performance and duties. As I was praying and thanking the Lord for those that take the time to pray for Judy and me; to those who often drop a card or an email to just encourage us; I thought on the above verse. What better way to address the many that have supported our family and ministry but to say, "...to the faithful in Christ Jesus." Thank you again for all your prayers, words of encouragement and financial help.

The past few weeks have been very busy with travel from Florida, to Tennessee, to Louisiana and North Carolina and Brazil. With over 5000 miles driving and 10,000 miles flying, the Lord has again blessed with good health and safety. Praise the Lord for souls saved and to the many that made decisions to surrender their lives to full time service.

I was privileged to preach at our annual Rock of Ages Conference in Brazil. During the invitation the Pastor's teenage daughter came forward and was saved. Two teenage boys came to the altar surrendering their lives to missions. Please pray for the work in Brazil as the Lord continues to open many doors of opportunities not only in the prisons but recently in the public schools. We interviewed a Brazilian couple that believe the Lord will have them join the Rock of Ages to develop the Prison Prevention Program in their public schools. They are making plans to attend our March 2019 Candidate Classes.

I was privileged again this month to preach in several church and revival services. I would like to give a special thanks to the pastors that put your confidence in me and the Rock of Ages.

Special Prayer Request

- I am scheduled to have my second eye surgery October 3. Please pray all goes well and recovery is quick. My schedule will have me on the road for six weeks just seven days after the surgery.
- We are now just five months away from our Annual Alabama Campaign. With approximately 7000 inmates to reach we need your help. If you have not attended this meeting before but would like to attend please let me know and we will get the needed paperwork to you. Due to the limited staff in the institution we will need to get all information back by the first of December. We are making plans this year to meet Monday evening for special training with a church service following. Please pray about taking part in this meeting.

Thank you again for your faithfulness.

Your Missionaries,

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TITUS PARTNERS OUTREACH

"And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another." Romans 15:14

The apostle Paul is addressing the brethren and states that are full of goodness. As I meditated on the word goodness, I thought of a people of kindness and a people that because of their goodness are beneficial to others. Thanks to the goodness of so many that pray and give to help our foreign outreach, many of our national families are admonished to reach sinners in their local jails, prisons and schools. Thank you again this month for your faithfulness and your goodness.

It seems almost like yesterday that we were making our first trip overseas; it is hard to believe we are in our 28th year reaching prisons worldwide. The Lord had blessed the Rock of Ages with the many foreign families that have joined us as missionaries to reach their nations with the gospel. We are thankful for all our foreign brethren. We are not only thankful for the great foreign families the Lord has sent but for the great men and women here in America that travel to and live in foreign fields. Two such men are Brother John Shelley and Brother Ray Davis. The Lord has used these men to expand the work we started in Ghana to developing prison work and assisting in church planting in several countries throughout Africa. Both Brother John and Brother Ray served as foreign missionaries and pastored here in the states and now serving throughout Africa. The following is a brief summary of one of their recent trips.

"We thank the Lord that the ministry in Liberia continues on in the prisons. Brother Davis and I were able to teach in the Bible College in Monrovia. There were 12 pastors and preachers and others that attended the two-day conference. At end of one sessions two people accepted Christ as Saviour.

The container full of material was stuck at the port because of a port strike. Plans have been made to get material to Guinea, Sierra Leone and into Liberia. Most of the material will be stored in Liberia for use as needed. Trip to Guinea enabled us to meet prison officials and prison ministry will be possible. Our partners in Liberia will make another trip in April and Lord willing preach in prison and be talking with a church about having prison ministry out of their church.

The trip to Sierra Leone lead us to Grace Baptist Church in Bo city with a population over 175,000. Brother Davis was able to preach on Sunday and the Lord blessed with 10 professions of faith – thank the Lord! We met with prison officials and Lord willing our partners will start the prison work in 3 of 6 prisons in a 75-mile radius in April. Our partner in Liberia will be helping them get started. We were able to have a mini session on prison work with them on Sunday night. We went in neighborhood with Grace Baptist on Monday doing soul-winning and preaching. One lady said she was Muslim, but wanted us to preach Jesus. She got saved, along with other ladies and Brother Davis lead 2 teenagers to the Lord, 5 in all.

Please be in prayer about us helping get a church started in Kenema, Sierra Leone, over 200,000 populations with 5 prisons. There is no fundamental church and our partner in Liberia is ready to go in July 2018. With 400 dollars a month he can plant the church and start reaching the prisons. He has trained men he is handing the church and prison ministry over too in Liberia."

John Shelley, Africa Representative

Thank you again for your faithful Support.

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