



# The Bibeys

## A Ministry of Helps

*"For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more."*

*1 Corinthians 9:19*

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Greetings to our Supporting Churches and Friends,

It has been a while since we have sent out a prayer letter. I sat down this morning to write this, and my intention was to explain how much I miss the five weeks of vacation I used to get. In the background, Ann has the news on, and the reports of the tornado that went through Joplin, Missouri are flooding the airwaves. The reports already are confirming that many lives have been lost. Our prayers are directed to this area this morning. We have not stopped for a breather lately. I have been so busy that my devotion time has been cut short, and at times pushed aside. My prayer from the beginning was to be a help to all that needed a hand, to be busy. We are overwhelmed with work. There is no shortage of things that could be done.

But this morning I ask myself, "Are we doing all we can to be a help? Are we doing the right things?" If I had my way right now, I would be packing the truck and trailer this morning and heading for Joplin. No doubt there is a Pastor there this morning that could use our help. For us, the deputation trail has taken as much of a hit lately as my devotion time has. Both of these need to be fixed immediately. If we were needed this morning in Joplin, we could not afford to be there. Our income now pays for just the bare necessities. We live on the love offerings we get on the road.

Though my devotion time has been cut short at times, there have been some times that different portions of Scripture have just spoken so loud it carries me for a couple of days. It seems they come at just the right time. Thank God for His preserved Word. The weight it removes off our shoulders on a daily basis is amazing. One of the situations that came up here lately caused me to lay in bed one night with my hand on my pistol, unable to sleep because I was so worried. However, I remembered a message I had heard on Psalm 118:6. The passage fit into my situation perfectly: "The Lord is on my side;" (There's a mouthful. He doesn't just have my back, but He also holds me in His hand.) "I will not fear;" (When we realize this, He holds me in his hand, the fear does go away.) "what can man do unto me?"

These messages in His Word can carry us through anything and everything. Do I miss the vacation time? Yes. However, I am so glad we gave it up to be in God's will, and to not only be in a place that needs us, but to also be in a place where He can speak to us.

We have already scheduled three places that need help, but after these, we really need to get back to deputation. We ask that you pray for direction in doing this, and that the support that is needed will be raised. After the tragedy in Joplin, that harvest field needs attention right now. We want to be there to help in the harvest in these types of situations.

We hear daily of missionaries that have lost some of their support, or have been affected by the decrease in the buying power of the dollar. We want to thank you for your support of this ministry. It's not ours, but His. "Send me and spend me" is a saying I sure you have heard before; this is our prayer.

In His Service,  
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