



For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. 1 Cor. 9:19.

Dear Supporting churches and friends,

It has again been a while since the last letter, time continues to fly by. This year is past the half way point and busy it has been. We were able to be home for our newest granddaughter's birth and it sure was a special time. Our prayer as with all of our grand children has always been to thank the Lord first for his gift, but also that they would learn of him early in life. One of our concerns while being on the road is who would be a witness to or influence our grandchildren about the Lord. So thankful they are all in church and know that they are learning of our Savior, and we know that knowing Him they will love Him, and Worship Him.

We continue to stay very busy. There is no shortage of work, but have added only one supporting church this year. The work puts us in many churches that are financially strapped. We are able to come in and do the work required at a fraction of what it would cost to hire outside help. In one of the works we paid for the materials and were never reimbursed. We have had some major expenses come up lately and we have not been able to financially get caught up. The expense of being out on the road with the truck and trailer has not gotten any cheaper. Diesel fuel prices have fallen quite a bit and that has helped. Some of our supporting churches have paid for fuel to and from their places for work and that has been a huge blessing. We have done a lot of work lately. We continue to do a lot of electrical work. I am by no means an electrician, and it's obvious that some doing wiring in some of these churches aren't either. Plumbing is not much better. In one church there was copper, cpvc, pex and pvc, just about all the products needed for a plumbing job in one feed line to a sink. It worked water came out the other end but the expense in fittings to go from one pipe to the next was huge. I still have that mental issue that won't allow me to let these things go. I ripped it all out and felt so much better after it was done. If my name, Gateway Baptist Church or World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions name is going to be on it, I want it done right. We have returned home to the Bradenton Missionary Village and are plugging into the maintenance group for a break from the road. This is for financial reasons for us, but they needed our help here also. Ann will be helping the house keeping group to be a help also. I have been looking at some outside temporary work to help clear some of our debt.

All is good health wise; the heat has not been an issue at all. Our current prayer request is for the Lord to give us guidance on getting our support up. Clearing our debt, and to continue to open doors to be a witness to the many people we meet in hardware stores and supply houses where ever we are. We are currently carrying about \$3500 of debt. We are in some mighty exciting days; we see things changing around us daily. So thankful we know the answer and what is needed more now than ever is Jesus Christ. We are smiling and happy and they want to know why!

In His service, to be a Help.

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