



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,

This is a New Prayer letter, in response to some phone calls and concerns from our last Prayer letter. First of all it wasn't meant to show that we are discouraged. We are not discouraged, if anything we are excited to see firsthand the things God is doing in us and around us. We look back at our past and marvel where the Lord has brought us to today. Financial issues have been there from the beginning. We came from around 150 thousand dollars a year to, well, not that, Voluntarily. In fact my old job is still there, I was told by one of the company owners, "If this doesn't work out we would love to have you back". He shook my hand and hugged my neck, but I knew I would not be back. When the Lord makes a change in your life, he doesn't go back and change his mind. I don't know where I heard the saying but it goes something like this, God doesn't change in the dark what he tells you in the day. The shift for me, the brick that hit me in the head, the Scripture that's still in his precious preserved word was Matthew 9:37-38 "Then saith he unto his disciples, the Harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the Harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his Harvest. No matter what's going on around me at any given time, it doesn't change those two verses. In fact, the things going on around us help us to labor better. Financially we are at about 25% after 7 years. We are in this for the long haul, death or the rapture whichever comes first. Do we miss our kids and grand kids, that's a fact. Yes we do. Do we need to get our support up, yes we do. But we know this is in the Lords time.

We were sent into the field to work, not look at the field. The lost are everywhere around us, and in front of us. We are going to work because that's what we were called to do. The facts are the same in the old letter, but please don't read discouraged, it's not there. Besides our Pastor, David Landers said he didn't want to hear those words come out of my mouth.

One change from the last update, when we leave the work here at the Missionary village, we will be in the truck and trailer. We will have our tools with us to work, minus the machine shop equipment, so nothing changes other than working towards getting into more churches in the coming year. The Lord knows the needs.

To finish, if you really want a picture of where we are at in this whole thing, Both of our girls and their husbands are back in church, and all of our grandkids are in church. At this point in our lives I could step over any valley and skip from peak to peak. Confirmation, The Lord will take care of things back home, while we do the work the Lord has called us to do out here on the road. The move to Il Villaggio is complete. One big job already completed at the missionary village was an air handler for a big AC unit that had destroyed itself. The price given for repair was \$12000.00. I looked at the project, and with the equipment here, we were able to manufacture a new shaft install new bearings and a pair of squirrel cage fans to repair the unit. Price less than \$200.00. There have been many projects these last few months. We were able to make some major electrical repairs to Pastor Mark Diblers home in Pickens SC. After a lightning strike shorted out and burned wires off of many receptacles. We replaced ceiling fans and lights in their home. We also replumbed entire house due to many water leaks. We headed then to Greenville SC. to be a help to Tabernacle Baptist Church. A local plumber had given the church an estimate to repair a broken water line under the floor of \$ 1400.00. We made

the repair for about \$60.00. It doesn't take too many projects like this to realize, you're doing the right things in the right places. The money that is saved can be used to further the spread of the Gospel. Discouragement, not an ounce, please don't read that in our letters. February will have us home for a brand new Granddaughter and to fill our smooch and hug buckets back up from the 5 others. God has blessed us truly. March will have us in a pair of Missions Conferences, then we head back out, SOUTH, WARM, to clear a couple of jobs taken on our trip north. These two will be in New Churches for us. Needs, your continued prayers, much needed support, oh yeah and warm weather.



PS. Don't like to do a two page letter, makes it so hard to post. Will not make a habit of this.

Thank you!

In His service, to be a Help,
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