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August 2018 - Prayer Letter

Dear Beloved Brethren,

Greetings and peace and love in the name of our eternal God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As always, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for taking us on this glorious journey, a journey of endless joy, speaking to our hearts, answering the call that He has given us and accepted the mission that is ahead of us to do His work according to His ways and will. **We count it a privilege and an honor to serve the Kings of kings, the Lord of lords, the Architect of the Universe and the Carpenters of all carpenters Jesus Christ.**

As we keep on pressing on this glorious journey, the month of August has been a blessing and productive as well, even though we did not have many formal meetings but Praise the Lord anyway. On Wednesday the 1st of August, we visited White Horse Height Baptist Church in Greenville, SC, Pastor Scott Dean. Pastor Dean was very gracious in allowing us to share our calling, vision and burden for Costa Rica; at the end of the service, the church voted to partner with us. It was truly a blessing; we are always expecting the unexpected from God! On Sunday the 5th of August in the morning, we visited Gospel Baptist Church in Greenville, SC, Pastor Joseph Willis. Pastor Willis was very gracious in allowing us to present our ministry, share our vision and burden. In the evening we went to Zion Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Danny Moore, one of our supporting churches to give an update. We were blessed, as always, to stay at Zion Hill prophet chamber from the 31st of July through August the 7th before heading to Wilson, NC for a Mission Conference at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor Joe Shakour from the 8th of August through the 13th; what a blessing this conference was! From what we gathered, the church voted to take us on for support as well. Praise the Lord!

On the 14th, we headed for home in Virginia Beach and we have been there until the 25th of August, visiting our supporting churches, before going to Evington and Lynchburg, VA for meetings. While we were in Virginia Beach, we attended our home church on Wednesday the 15th and Sunday morning the 19th; in the evening of the 19th, we went to Biltmore Baptist Church in Portsmouth, VA, Pastor Thornton Frye, to give them of update. On Wednesday the 29th, we went to Good News Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA, Pastor Marvin Tobin to give them an update as well. On the 25th, we headed to Evington, VA for a meeting at Liberty Baptist Church, Pastor Jeff Chapman and on Sunday the 26th, I had the privilege to preach and share our ministry in the morning and evening service; What a blessing! On Wednesday the 29th, we visited Baptist Tabernacle of Altavista in Altavista, VA, Pastor Jon Ensley, we had the opportunity to present our ministry and I had the privilege to preach as well, it was an unexpected blessing. On Thursday the 30th, we visited Jordan Baptist Church in Lynchburg, VA, Pastor Melvin Campbell; Pastor Campbell was very gracious in allowing us to present our ministry and I also had the privilege to preach, this was also another unexpected blessing, the Lord is so good. On Friday the 31st we were invited to attend a Revival Tent Meeting at Woodlawn Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, VA, Pastor Eddie Hawks where Pastor Chapman preached one night, and as result of that invitation and meeting we have made many contacts. Pastor Hawks invited us to come back in December to formally present our ministry, the date is to be determined. Praise the Lord! We were in Evington, VA until the 6th of September visiting and presenting to churches while we stayed at Liberty Baptist Church's prophet chamber.

We continue praising the Lord for His protection (physical and spiritual) and provision (He knows all our needs) as well as the wisdom that He gives us to do His work. We also praise the Lord that He continues to give us our health so we can serve Him with all the strength that He gives us, to adore Him in spirit and in truth with all our hearts, and to glorify Him in everything that we do, even in sickness and circumstances. The Lord is so Good!

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As we press on, please pray and continue to pray for the following prayer request:

PRAYERS

- ❖ **As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, we urgently are in need of a minivan to finish our deputation journey. After much prayers and supplication, the Lord made it clear to us not to buy one because of additional bills that we will have; (we must be good steward of the money that God gives us) instead, better to wait on God's people to lend us one.**
- ❖ **My wife's physical need with her blood circulation as we traveled. It is very serious! This is the very reason why we need to be on the field by the end of spring 2019; time is of the essence!**
- ❖ **It is our goal, Lord willing, to be on the field between January and June 2019. We are planning to go next January or February to look for a place to live, as well the property for the ministry, and Lord willing move sometime in the spring, before summer. We pray that the Lord will move the hearts of His people to make this happen. We humbly plead to all the churches we have presented, and not supporting us at the moment, to pray, and reconsider in encouraging and partnering with us to proclaim the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by planting New Testament Baptist Churches, establishing Baptist Bible College and Christian Academy.**

Beloved Brethren, this is God's work and His ministry not ours; we are servants doing the work of the Almighty God and obeying the Great Commission by Answering the Call and Accepting the Mission that is ahead of us. We are leaving everything behind and renouncing everything for the Gospel's sake and focusing on what is ahead so we can give glory to our eternal God, Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; for Him only!

❖ **Support Levels**

Continue to pray as we are on this glorious deputation journey that the Lord will guide us to the right church and have favor along the way in order to obtain our support as soon as possible according to the Lord's will. **Four more churches took us on for support this month; White horse Height Baptist Church in Greenville, SC, Pastor Scott Dean, Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, SC, Pastor Steve Cummins and Tabernacle Baptist Church in Wilson, NC, Pastor Joe Shakour; Liberty Baptist Church in Evington, VA, Pastor Jeff Chapman. Unfortunately, we received word from one of our supporting churches that they were having difficulties at the moment, sadly they had to stop our support temporarily and because of that, we are at 66% instead of 67%. We pray that it will go back up by our next prayer letter.** In any way, Praise the Lord! We keep pressing on that goal for our minds, our hearts and our spirit are in Costa Rica but our bodies are still here. Our Lord is a Sovereign God!

❖ **Safety with Travels**

Pray that our Lord, God would protect us on the road.

In September we will be in Virginia and South Carolina for meetings, Georgia and Florida for Mission Conferences; October in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida for Meetings and Mission Conferences; November in North Carolina and Georgia for Meetings and Mission Conferences; in December, it's still open but a possibility to have a meeting in South Carolina and Georgia.

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❖ *Schedule of Meetings*

Pray that our schedule will be full with formal meetings and conferences for the rest of the year, some of them have been cancelled but the Lord has blessed with others. The Lord has blessed with meetings and conferences in VA, NC, SC, GA and FL. Our schedule is not full, but praise the Lord for what He is doing in our lives. He is in control! **For now, the Lord is still opening doors for more meetings and conferences in these states and more meetings and conferences for next March and November 2019 in Florida and North Carolina (if we are not in Costa Rica).**

❖ *Softness of Attitudes*

Pray that our hearts would stay soft, to have a humble attitude, to stay close to God, and focus on Him not on men neither our circumstances; also for the churches that we have been in contact with and presented. We are excited to see on how the Lord will be working during the rest of the year, we are also encouraged and at the same time comforted by His provision, protection and peace. Praise the Lord for everything! To God be the Glory, great things He has done, that He is doing and what He will do as we focus our eyes and hearts upon Him.

PRAISE

Today is August 21st and as I was writing this prayer letter, getting a heads up and getting ready to leave this Saturday for Evington, VA. We received a call from one of our supporting churches announcing to us that they have a van that we can use until the first week of December. We were exceedingly rejoicing as tears of joy were coming down from our cheeks, to see the faithfulness and greatness of God in providing for His children, especially when we obey Him doing His will. The Lord gave us exactly what we were looking for. The answer to our prayers came at the last minute unexpectedly, waiting patiently on God. We must always expect the unexpected from God! God always steps in at the last minute. Praise the Lord!!! When our hearts are right with God and His will coincides with ours, He gives us the desires of our hearts. Psalms 37:4-5 says: "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

I received news from the doctors, there was a bill for 382.00 dollars of which the medical insurance paid in full. Praise the Lord, Hallelujah! He has answered our prayers. But I still have a previous outstanding bill for an MRI of \$400.00 dollars (at the moment of which I am still paying) from before when I was in Virginia earlier this year, in regards to the same problem, before I was admitted at Greenville Memorial Health System in March. We need one other miracle, our support of 100% or more by next May 2019. God is able to make other miracles and we pray that He will; He is able, with Him nothing is impossible. He is good, so good!!

Thank you for your kindness, compassion and love, but most of all for your sensibility to the Holy Spirit of God whom dwells in you. We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers, financial support and being behind our vision to further the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brethren, may the love of the Almighty God, the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you All. Amen!

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