

Confirming the Churches

(a mission to encourage Christians in smaller churches of Christ to keep the faith and evangelize their communities)



Since 2013 Al and Sybil Parr have labored to prevent the apostasy of individual Christians and entire churches.

Luke says that Paul went forth “confirming the churches” (Acts 15:41). But what Paul did was that he “delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem” (16:4). By such work “were the churches established in the faith and increased in number daily” (16:5).

This mission involves in-person teaching and training as opportunities arise, and also production and distribution of literature both print and electronic.

In the U.S. there are many small churches, especially in the north, that don’t have elders, don’t have preachers every Sunday, and don’t have much contact with other churches because the next nearest church is too far away. Having preached for years in several

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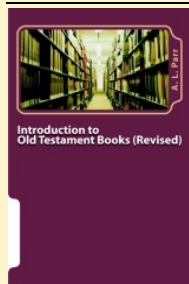


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of these churches, Al is prepared with the kind of lessons they need to encourage them to persevere in faith through the loneliness and difficulties that are part of living for the Lord in their communities. Many have found it nearly impossible to find a preacher willing to move to such an area, or to work with a church in such conditions.

Across the northern states and through-out Canada are many churches that fit the typical description of “mission churches.” They are small in membership (313 churches in 20 northern states have fewer than 30 listed members). Many are in relatively remote locations – often as much as 100 miles or more from the next nearest church of Christ. They have little or no communication with other Christians, no elders, few teachers, and they have trouble getting preachers to come to live in their community.

Due to these circumstances many become discouraged. Some quit trying to live righteously in a wicked world. Others take whatever encouragement comes along. This often means they accept the charlatans with divisive agendas, or even their sectarian neighbors. The end result of that of course is apostasy – the loss of souls and the loss of the gospel influence in the community.



This academically acclaimed 332-page book shows the background, content, author and purpose of every Old Testament book. It includes ten appendices and an index/glossary to support the study of the 39 books that are the background of the gospel of Christ.

Churches Bible Class began streaming weekly on the internet. You may find these classes online at www.youtube.com/c/AIParr_CTC, along with many of his sermons.

While preparing for a sectarian ministry Al learned and obeyed the gospel in 1970. He began preaching in the Philippines while serving in the U.S. Navy. Service in the Kingdom has carried him to 24 of these United States and to 11 other countries (29 trips outside the U.S.). He has preached full-time with churches of fewer than 10 and of more than 220, and directed campaigns in 4 countries.

Our most recent in-person missions have been in New Brunswick, Maine, Michigan. Books and tracts have been sent to 8 states and 6 countries.

All our books and tracts are given free to missionaries and mission churches thanks to contributions from caring Christians in various places. Proceeds of literature sales



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