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Dear brethren,

Your time in reading through this web site is much appreciated by us. Whatever brought you here – interest in world evangelism, interest in us personally, or just plain curiosity – we pray that God will bless you with greater commitment to serve Him in whatever way you can. We pray that one of those methods of service might include financial and prayerful support of our efforts in world evangelism.

Mission Churches

Having preached the gospel for over 39 years, and having planted new churches, and nurtured young churches, on three continents, I am deeply concerned about those many Christians who lack the encouragement that many in the “Bible belt” enjoy every day. No doubt you yourself have prayed for, and even visited in person, some of the small churches that labor with no full-time preacher, no elders and an insufficient number of ready teachers. There always seem to be those churches, or those geographic regions, which cannot attract preachers who will come and stay long enough to get the job done. My wife and I determined many years ago that assisting such churches would be our labor in later years. We are nearing those “later years” and are ready to begin doing all we can to encourage, strengthen and support as many of them as the Lord will permit through your support.

In [the Philippines](#) we went into the un-evangelized city of Tarlac to distribute tracts. This led to individual Bible studies which led to group studies, which led to the conversion of souls and the planting of the church.

In [Ukraine](#) we weekly advertised a Bible correspondence course in the Kirovograd newspaper. In less than a month we had hundreds of students, some of whom wanted further personal studies, and in less than a year the church was planted where none had previously existed, and we recruited a preacher to work full time with them.

Most of our work with U.S. churches has been with membership totals fewer than 50, with no elders and few qualified teachers. In south [Georgia](#) we helped brethren in a rural area to establish a new church in their neighborhood 40 miles from the city of Savannah. We taught many of their neighbors and helped in the construction of a meeting house.

We could add names of other towns and people in these regions, and give similar accounts of work in [North Dakota](#) and [Wisconsin](#), [Canada](#), [Japan](#), [Thailand](#) and [India](#), but I won't belabor the point in this letter. If you desire a fuller view of our history in evangelism, we will be happy to accommodate you in this regard.

Willing to Go

Like you, we frequently receive requests from Arizona, Idaho, Georgia, Maine and other places in which our brothers and sisters are pleading for experienced, faithful Christians to come and help them to learn, to grow and to evangelize their communities. Since 1972 it has been our plan and prayer one day to engage full-time in the work of answering as many of these calls as we possibly can.

This year the elders of the church with which we work and worship have encouraged us to enter such work part time. They are willing to serve in “sending and receiving,” and of course are adding their own financial support to both our personal and our work needs. We need your help in two respects.

Assistance Required

First, of course, we need your financial support. Our needs are modest for this year; \$5,000 will cover currently planned expenses (some of that is already in hand). Additional support would do more for those brethren we plan to visit.

Second, we want to build our list of churches who might benefit from our work. If you support or know of such churches that we might help, can you help us to communicate with them?

Preparedness

We have an August meeting scheduled to help a small church in Kingston, Ontario, Canada to evangelize their community, and a September meeting with a church and a preacher-training school in Hyderabad, A.P., India. The Kingston plan is to meet for 4 hours each afternoon Friday - Sunday in rented rooms at the public library. We have scheduled to begin with preaching, which is to be followed by a question-answer session, a get-acquainted break with refreshments, then personal Bible studies, and close with a group Bible study on application of the topic preached.

There is a web site that describes the nature of the work that Chris and I are prepared to do. It is a work in progress, but you may visit it for further information at www.acts1541.org (My complete resume, with references, may viewed or printed at www.acts1541.org/res10.pdf). I designed and maintain that site, and also the site for the local church at www.harrisburghurchofchrist.com, on which you may read the weekly church bulletin and other information. I also make daily (Monday-Friday) entries of biblical messages on [the church's Facebook page](#) (search "Harrisburg Church of Christ"). These will give samples of my current teaching, and you might find helpful personal information on [my own Facebook page](#) (search "Al Parr").

Of course, I will be quite happy to answer personally any questions you may have about my doctrine and work. In addition to the contact information at the head of this letter, you may [send e-mail to alparr@acts1541.org](mailto:alparr@acts1541.org), or you may [call my cell phone at \(903\) 721-0332](tel:(903)721-0332).

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Thank you for standing strong in the service of Jesus in your part of the Lord's vineyard. **Thank you** for giving serious consideration to our world evangelism efforts. **Thank you** for your prayers on behalf of our labors for the Master. **May God always bless you** for your heart of faith.

In His service,

A. L. Parr

P.S. While I was writing this letter I received a call from Kenya to come and help several young churches in one region. We are discussing the possibility and logistics of scheduling that work for next year, along with helping a school and church in Nigeria. This work is already trying to grow faster than we anticipated, suggesting that the work we are prepared to do is needed and wanted in many places. Will you please give prayerful consideration to being our partner in it? Thanks again, and we always pray that God will richly bless you.

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