



# Confirming the Churches

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## November Report

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Dear brethren, family and friends,

The Texas vacation, mentioned in the previous report, ended the last day of October; on November 1 I returned to Arkansas. The Harrisburg post office had held my mail, but there were no new commitments of support in it when I arrive to retrieve it. Two more churches during the month told me that they definitely plan to include this work in the 2013 budget, but no amounts have been determined. The hard part of this work – getting it funded – continues in earnest, but the waiting for responses nears an end as church budgets are finalized in these last weeks of the year.

Several churches have told me that they are inclined to support the work, but are waiting until we have a long-term sponsor for the work before they make a final determination. The Harrisburg church has agreed to sponsor only the fund-raising – and the elders have written a strong endorsement to that end – but they want another church to take up the actual work of Confirming the Churches. I have talked with elders in a couple of churches about taking up the work. They have been universally in agreement that the work needs to be done, but have been unable to take this role in accomplishing it. If you are in a church that at least consider the sponsorship for 2013, will you PLEASE contact me as soon as possible.

In some states early voting ended the previous week, but in Arkansas it continued through the day before election day. I had arrived in northeast Arkansas well into the evening hours on Friday, so I returned to Harrisburg on Monday to vote, retrieve the mail and visit with the elders of the church. From Saturday through Monday I contacted several churches in the region to follow up on previous discussions about support. On Sunday I preached in Egypt, Arkansas, where I have always been well-received and warmly encouraged.

My hosts for the weekend were G. W. and Fran Allison (he is the preacher for the Egypt church). As we talked about my plan for the rest of the month (to be in the Detroit area where my daughter, Angela, lives), Fran told me about her brother who lives in north Detroit suburbs. When I posted on Facebook that I had preached in Egypt, Angela’s friend Angelique replied asking whether I knew her husband’s grandmother. In the “small world” department it turns out that Angelique’s husband is the son of Fran’s brother. Upon my return to Auburn Hills we had something in common to talk about.

Early on election day I left Arkansas for Michigan. My brother Randy lives about half-way between, so I spent the night with him. We watched the election returns, and went to bed fearful of what the future holds for the freedom and prosperity of our country. As

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I began to consider the matter at greater length I thought once again – as I have preached for nearly 20 years – that the great need in America is not for the right politicians, or better economists, but for stronger Christians determined to go “everywhere preaching the word” (Acts 8:4). Our country needs the church now more than ever in its history. The majority of those who voted have called for a government that will provide more and more of the benefits in life that previous generations have responsibly labored to provide for themselves. This willingness to let others pay the way, and the serious decrease in morality in our society, are completely contrary to the will of God. Add to that the no-longer-hidden agenda that many have to eliminate God and the Bible completely from society, and you can see clearly that strong faith is needed if there is to be even a remnant saved from this once God-friendly nation. Brethren this is no time for the church to go into hiding. We must do all we can now to build strong churches in every community, for there are yet the “four thousand that have not bowed the knee to Baal” – people who are not satisfied with the way things are going, but don’t know any alternatives. We who know “the way” *must* be about our God-given responsibility of preaching the word to everyone who will listen. My mission is to train and encourage churches in doing that in locations in which they are least prepared and enabled to do so. Will you please take a stand with me in refusing to let godlessness win the day and churches fade away? Thanks, and I know that God will bless you for that.

I wrote last month that one of the ways you might help this work is to support the family and work of N. Vijaya Rao. That brother sent to me in November a letter that touched my heart. You may have heard that, the week after “superstorm

Sandy” hit America, cyclone Nilam did comparable damage across much of central India. Here is an excerpt from the brother’s letter:

Dear Beloved Bro. Al Parr, Family members and Church Members,  
Greetings and salutes to you all in the holy name of Jesus Christ. ... As I visited the Cyclonic places, I could not write soon. Please excuse me for the same in the name of Christ. Thank you very much for keeping our needs in your prayers and thoughts also. We are very happy to receive you on 24th February, 2013 in our Ibrahimpatnam and in our Church Building and to our Home also. I have already announced in the Sunday Worship this good news and all the Church members, Elders, Widows and Orphans are pleased very to see you in person on that particular date... Thank you very much for your love and affection towards our Family, ministry and thereby you have a newsletter to many churches about our family needs, Widows and Orphans needs. We hope that this work will be useful for us in coming days. I am taking liberty and requesting you to allot some days there is preachers lectureship meeting, visiting many churches who are working with me. Please help some Bicycles for poor preachers, Hymns Books and Bibles in Telugu language and the same will be distributed to them with you hands. Really we are very happy to see and your letters because you have been encouraging us a lot in doing the Lord’s service in India. Due to heavy floods, one of the preachers Bro. John Babu, Son of Bro. Gnana Sundararao incurred heavy loss in agricultural work because he took some land on lease and so with heavy burden he committed suicide. His wife has become widow having no properties having a male and a female child. Male child is dumb and deaf. Please pray for this family and its situation. ... Further due to floods we are not able to provide new clothes on the eve of New year’s day since we lost every due to floods, to the Widows and Orphans. Please pray for them. Daily we are praying for your good health and success in all your attempts and endeavors. Please pray for us.... Yours Brother in Christ, N. Vijaya Rao

Arriving again in Michigan on November 8, I have been able to stay long enough in one place to do some writing and make some phone calls. New contacts in Michigan, Montana and Texas are spreading the word of this mission and urging others to support it. That kind of team work is what brings works like this to success. I have personally visited with churches along the east coast of Michigan, and have more appointments scheduled further west. What can you do help promote this much-needed work? Thanks for whatever it is. If you can distribute the promotional brochure tell me how many you want. Remember to urge people to visit [www.acts1541.org](http://www.acts1541.org) for complete information, including my resume and these reports.

In our nation’s current economic and political environment this has been an especially difficult fund-raising season. Yet, if the Lord’s own brethren do not support the survival of His churches in difficult places, who can be expected to do so? I told the Ukrainians when I lived and preached there that they should be diligent to learn the ways of the Lord because one day they may be called upon to send missionaries to America. My mission is to American churches, and there is a great and urgent need. “Yes, I believe that God is real, and who will go with me?”

In His service,

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