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July-August Report

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Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

Thank you for your prayers and financial support to the work of encouraging the church in the will of her Lord. The mid-section of our summer didn't go according to expectations, but has fulfilled our mission objective nevertheless.

My grandchildren finished school on June 11, and one of the girls came home with me that day. Until August 24 I had only 3 weeks at home alone. I had two granddaughters for a total of three weeks each, and my son, Will, from Texas was here for one week. We typically think of teaching and preaching, in person or in print, to entire churches collectively. Most of the best teaching is done one person at a time, by speaking and by example. There wasn't much writing done over the summer, but there was a great deal of teaching and encouraging accomplished (and some of that went both directions, as most grandparents will understand).

The pen wasn't completely idle; there was some writing and printing accomplished. No new tracts were produced but two thousand copies of existing tracts were printed to replenish depleted stock. The Saline church's correspondence work has distributed the largest number of our tracts, "An Introduction to a Study of the Bible" being the most popular. That and "Why Should I Be Baptized" are sent out at the rate of over 100 each month. I personally mail copies all over the world, mostly to preachers for translation for use in their local languages. In this reporting period tracts and books were mailed to two cities in Uganda, to one in Nigeria, and to four cities in India. Mailings typically include two copies each of the ten tracts currently in print, and one copy each of the three books currently in print, unless some other number is specifically requested.

One new product was produced in August. From before the May publication date we have wanted a promotional brochure for *Introduction to Old Testament Books*. That was finally finished with the printing of one thousand copies (a replica of the front of it at the end of this report). They are being mailed to every college and university in the U.S. and Canada that teaches Bible courses. We are including preacher training schools. It's a long slow process of searching for the target colleges and their mailing addresses, locating the appropriate department head and assembling the mail pieces. About one dozen copies are going out each week, beginning with schools associated with churches of Christ. Please pray for the distribution of this book that students will be directed in "rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Timothy 2:15). By the way, with the printing of this brochure we have begun to use a new printer. We're getting twice the quality for about 44% of the price paid to the previous printer.

As I write this I am one day away from departure for my twenty-first foreign mission, which is my fifth to India. Part of that mission is to print more copies of books and tracts, but most of the time will be given to preaching to eleven churches in as many cities, and to several gatherings of preachers. My time away from Michigan is September 2-16; I will be teaching in India from the 4th through the 15th.

The personal evangelism class in Saline is changing hearts. We're still meeting only twice per month, but conviction and determination are increasing in the Christians, and more contacts are being made with non-Christians. I am confident that if we could find just one person who would study sincerely with us, that would give the class and the whole church more enthusiasm for local evangelism. This church wants to serve the Lord more. Please pray that they are encouraged to do so.

The AD70 doctrine continues to plague churches in southern Michigan. One of its strongest proponents was soundly defeated in a debate in early August, but that seems only to have increased the fervor with which they are spreading their heresy. The study guide that I have planned from the first appearance of this problem is beginning to take shape. It's completion will be my first goal upon my return from this trip to India. There will be only six weeks between the India mission and the Canada mission, so I'm not sure I'll be able to finish the study guide in October, but the end of the year is my firm goal. I want to have it ready for churches for the first Bible class quarter of the new year.

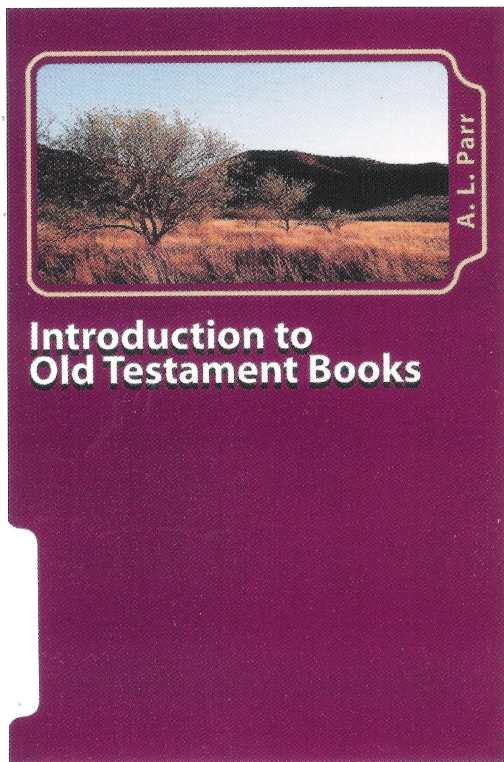
You will notice in the list of contributors several new partners in this current India mission. Several of these (plus donations of children's clothing thanks to Josh and Amy Lawther) are specifically designated support for Sister Chris Parr Home for Orphans and Widows. That work of the Ibrahimpatnam Church of Christ was the suggestion of their elders. The church is currently caring for dozens of these needy and dependent people in what the Lord calls "pure religion and undefiled" (James 1:27). There is always a need for additional support, because the rest of the Ibrahimpatnam church is also not among the wealthiest people.

Thank you for your support and prayers, and may God bless you.

In His service,



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Introduction to Old Testament Books: The Content Purpose and Importance of Each Book in the Old Testament is the seventh book published by A. L. Parr. Here is clear discussion of how each Old Testament book fits into God's complete revelation. With a wide variety of features this 332-page text is a resource that you will use in every study of the Old Testament. An outline of each book shows the message and character of the book at a glance. Background and selected verses of each book are only some of the information you need in your study of God's word.



Preparing to serve the Lord's supper in a house church in India.

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Saline church	\$1000
Coventry Hills church	\$460
Garden City church	\$600
Chelsea church	\$100
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Book sales	\$285
Anonymous	\$1000

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