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## *Confirming the Churches*

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Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

May you have been as blessed by the Lord with the coming of a new year as we have in this work and at home.

Sybil and I have just about reached the end of a long list of name and address change requirements (I never could have guessed that there would be so many, or that it could take so long). We have lived long enough to accumulate accounts and contacts in many places. Now in just a few months we're going to have to do much it over again. The most noticeable blessing of these first two months of 2016 is that the Lord has opened doors to enough opportunities that we are ready to devote full time to encouraging churches in various places.

We have announced to the Saline church that we will be leaving by the end of May and moving to our farm in Illinois. My goal in coming to Saline was to help the church to restore the peace, unity and service that had been interrupted by painful experiences. Today I see a church in which every man is able and active in teaching and leading the church in the way of the Lord. Every woman is a loving sister, encouraging every other Christian to continue in the love and service of Jesus Christ. Peace and fellowship are evident to every visitor. The Saline Church of Christ is, in my judgment, well able to be a bright light of truth in its community, and a widely respected leader among the churches of Christ in the region.

For the foreseeable future our farm will be the base of operations of Confirming the Churches. Perhaps a look at the current schedule will you give you a better idea of what this work is. The weekly live-streamed Bible class will continue on Tuesday evenings. Until the first of May I will be teaching each Thursday evening in Michigan Bible School. Twice each month (once each to two different schools) I teach preachers in India via Skype. Other events on this year's schedule include:

- April: 2 gospel meetings and two lectureships in Michigan
- May: reserved strictly for moving and setting up
- June: finishing one book and several tracts for Canada and India
- July: third mission to Riverview, New Brunswick; help a group try to plant the church in another NB city; a mission meeting with a church in Maine and another in Massachusetts
- August: a lectureship in Tennessee and another in Michigan
- September: our 6<sup>th</sup> mission to India, where this year we are helping to start a preacher-training school
- October: lectureship in Tennessee and another in Texas
- November: fourth mission to New Brunswick to follow up the July tent meeting

When not traveling – and even sometimes while we are on the road – we will be producing tracts, books and study guides for free distribution to mission churches. Several literature projects are in progress, and should find rapid conclusion once we are settled in Illinois. Given the need and the state of progress, our goal is to print on tract per month and at least two books per year. The move and the travel schedule – and having only half a year to work – may keep those numbers down this year.

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Printed reports are mailed to supporters, and to others who specifically request them.

Our personal support is adequate for this year, given foreseeable circumstances, but the work (travel, printing and distribution) is need of support to the tune of \$1,100 per month. If you can help with any of that, please let us know, and we will give details on how to contribute.

Current and recent contributors may have heard by now that the Greensboro Road church is also at this time transitioning to a new phase of their work. After the month of March they will no longer be sponsoring Confirming the Churches, nor coordinating the sending and receiving of our financial support. As I write this a permanent replacement has not been named, but conversations are ongoing with that objective in view.

Our work during this reporting period has focused almost exclusively on the church in Saline, Michigan. All sermons that I have preached here are available to you in audio format on the church's web site, [www.salinechurchofchrist.org](http://www.salinechurchofchrist.org). Video recordings of the sermons are at [www.youtube.com/c/AlParr\\_CTC](http://www.youtube.com/c/AlParr_CTC). Also on that YouTube channel are all editions of "Confirming the Churches Bible Class," which has streamed on Tuesday nights (7:00 PM Eastern time) since March, 2015. You may watch the class live on YouTube or on our own web site: [www.acts1541.org/CTCclass.htm](http://www.acts1541.org/CTCclass.htm). If you send me your e-mail address, I will send you each Monday an e-mail announcement with a unique link to the upcoming live stream.

With the Saline church we have also continued the Bible correspondence teaching with approximately 400 prisoners and their family members. It is a work dear to the heart of the Saline brethren, and they have warmly expressed their appreciation for the help we have given by teaching weekly, providing tracts and giving advice. It is one of the things we will miss most after leaving here.

There have been several opportunities to help the church with benevolence requests, and these have of course brought evangelistic opportunities. We have distributed tracts around the community, inviting people to study the Bible with us. On January 8 I taught the "Quarterly Bible Study" that meets in members' homes on a rotating basis. The lesson for the evening was taken from my preparation to teach the book of Jeremiah in Michigan Bible School this semester. The monthly Men's Bible Breakfast was February 13. I taught on the subject of fellowship, a misunderstood concept and a misused word in many places.

At the end of January we took a day off to visit the Henry Ford museum in Dearborn with a friend visiting from Illinois. If you ever have free time within travel distance of Detroit you will surely appreciate a day at this world-renowned and often-awarded museum. It's not just about Ford, nor only about automobiles. It has a little bit of almost everything, including some very good eating establishments.

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

In His service,



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Greensboro Road church	\$500
Egypt church	\$100
Hazel Park church	\$200
Corinth Road church	\$1,200
Book & Tract sales	\$27