

## Confirming the Churches

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### October-December Report, 2016

Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

We are thankful that God has preserved your life and health through another year. We pray that your faith is strong and your joy is full.

The last quarter of the year began with us on the road again. We had planned a 2-week vacation in Texas, but a side trip for reporting and fund-raising was added. Sister Charlene Cobb urged the elders of the church in Grant, Alabama to hear our report. She spoke to other churches, but none were able to schedule our visit during that time. The brethren in Grant were encouraging in their words and generous in their support. All in all we drove through parts of eleven states and spoke with church leaders in Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, Alabama and Georgia.

As with most American families there is considerable family gathering in the last two months of the year. With us there are several birthdays in October through November to add to the holiday occasions. Even with all those trips out and company in we kept up the writing and recording. I finished editing *Introduction to Old Testament Books* for the revised edition. Publication date is scheduled for January 30. Purchase will be available through Amazon and our mission web site, but as always copies will be distributed free of charge to missionaries and mission churches who ask for it. This edition will be available also in a Kindle version. The price remains the same at \$14.95. Call or write to pre-order, or watch for the publication announcement on the web site and Facebook.

In the previous report I mentioned the plan to revise “a brief tract designed to encourage Bible study by pointing people’s thinking to creation that demands a Creator.” That work was completed, and a second edition was later added. The tract doesn’t have a title; I just call it a pocket tract. It measures about two inches by three inches - designed to fit into a shirt pocket - and is a 4-page folder. On the front is an attention-getting picture of natural beauty. In side are brief scripture quotations identifying the Creator of that beauty, and an appeal to contact the church to learn more about Him. The plan is to change that picture with the seasons (hence the second edition when winter arrived). There is room on the back for local contact information. We carry these tracts in pocket or purse everywhere we go, and nearly every day find occasion to hand one to someone. We have left them in quantity with several churches. Contact me directly if you want some; they are not yet listed on the web site.



Riverview NB church facility

Our BCC advertising in Fredericton, New Brunswick has not yet been as extensive as we had hoped, and the response has been nil so far. Canadians in other provinces have requested correspondence studies, but none yet from New Brunswick.



KRPTS students & faculty

The church in Riverview, New Brunswick needs a preacher. The young capable and enthusiastic evangelist with whom we have on three occasions worked there - Stephane Maillet - is planning to move at the end of the summer to further his education. Sybil and I are prepared to go and work with the new preacher to help in the transition if necessary. We sincerely recommend this church to anyone with sound faith and zeal for service. Contact me directly for more information.

Krishna River Preacher-Training School has had a successful first semester in Ibrahimpatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India. The students are getting good grades and the instructors are enjoying the work. This mission needs the interest of others and financial support. This first semester was completely underwritten by our work fund, but that cannot continue even to the end of this school year. Help is needed now from Christians who want to send preachers into all the world (Romans 10:14-15). Call me for a complete report of the operation and finances of the school.

The director of KRPTS, N. Suvarna Prasad, has requested that I teach the students by way of DVD or live stream when possible. I will be sending next week a DVD series on the book of Jeremiah, and I have completed the recording of the epistle to the Hebrews. The editing of that should begin next week.

And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily (Acts 16:5)

In November each year I go to the VA for an annual medical checkup. My appointment this year was on the 9<sup>th</sup> so we went back to Ann Arbor. Nothing was found that needed attention. At 67 years old I still take no prescription medications. The trip gave us the opportunity to meet with the church in Saline again; we stayed over through the 13<sup>th</sup> so I could preach (3 times) on Sunday.

Confirming the Churches Bible Class still streams live on YouTube every Tuesday at 7:00 PM Eastern time. Stephane Maillet of new Brunswick, Tony Brewer of Arkansas and Bruce Ligon of Texas join me from time to time in this class. You can watch it also on our web site at [www.acts1541.org/CTCclass.htm](http://www.acts1541.org/CTCclass.htm). All previous classes are archived on YouTube so you may watch from the beginning of our study of the book of Acts. You may access my channel directly at [www.youtube.com/c/AIParr\\_CTC](http://www.youtube.com/c/AIParr_CTC).



*Screen shot of recent CTC Bible Class*

We welcome Elizabeth Williams to our team of supporters. Elizabeth operates a home-base business and dedicates proceeds to worthy work around the world (she investigates each before committing). Thank you, sister, for considering us and the churches and preachers we are helping. May God bless you for your love and labor.

In His service,

A. L. Parr

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**My preaching:** [www.youtube.com/c/AIParr\\_CTC](http://www.youtube.com/c/AIParr_CTC)

**My latest book:** [www.createspace.com/4753283](http://www.createspace.com/4753283)

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