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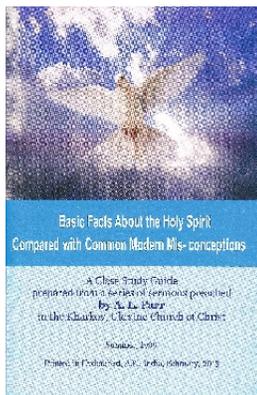


March - April Report, 2017

Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

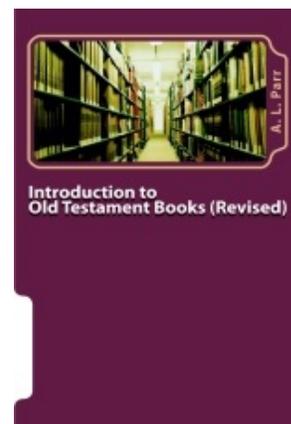
Thank you for your prayers, communications of encouragement and financial support. As with many of you, our life has become considerably busier with the coming of spring, and we have appreciated the knowledge that you are thinking of us and this important work for the cause of the Lord.

Our BCC work with International Bible Teachers Ministry is growing at a faster rate. Our number of students has about doubled in the past two months. About half of our students ask questions, which of course give us additional teaching opportunities. The questions continue to come also from preachers and Bible teachers around the world. In the past two months we have answered questions on the godhead, marriage, baptism & salvation (a couple of times every week), the epistle to the Hebrews, and various parables of Jesus. A frequently asked question concerns the relationship of baptism and salvation: which comes first, does one bear upon the other, and is baptism really necessary? Depending upon the particular question and the circumstances of its asking I typically send them one of two tracts along with my personal answer. As to which comes first, I wrote in 2014 "Baptism & Salvation Mentioned Together: Which Comes First?" (<http://acts1541.org/tracts/whichfirst.pdf>). The more general question about the purpose of baptism is answered in a tract I wrote in 2008: "Why Should I Be Baptized?" (<http://acts1541.org/tracts/whybap.pdf>). These have been my two most popular tracts. All my tracts and books can be ordered from our mission web site at www.acts1541.org. There are also links to sermons in print, audio, and video format for use online or downloading.



The 16-lesson video series on the epistle to the Hebrews is now finished and has been sent to Krishna River Preacher Training School. In 2013 I worked with a professional videographer in India to produce a 7-lesson series from my study guide, "Basic Facts About the Holy Spirit Compared With Common Modern Misconceptions." The book is available through the web site or directly from me. Those videos are to be reworked for use of the second-year students of KRPTS (that school year begins in September this year). Also in the works is a video series on the English language for non-native speakers. I'm excited about this one because the students of KRPTS sincerely want to expand their opportunities to evangelize. I'll be reading the Gospel of John from the NKJV (slowly so they can understand proper pronunciation), stopping occasionally to explain details of grammar.

With the increasing video work, and the publication of "Introduction to Old Testament Books (Revised)" I have been developing a new web site to promote new and old productions. Watch the Facebook page "Confirming the Churches" for news of the publication of that web site. Even with almost no promotion on my part in March we sold a few copies of Introduction to Old Testament Books (Revised) thru Amazon.com.



The January-February report mentioned the possibility of our conducting a VBS in Wisconsin. That series has been scheduled for June 22-24, 2018 with lessons on the existence and character of God and the identity and plea of Jesus. Your prayers for the New Richmond church and this event will be much appreciated.

Also in that previous report we mentioned the expected April printing of a commentary on First Timothy. That book was not published because the project has been expanded to include Second Timothy and Titus in the same volume. We have no projected publication date because the new web site has a higher priority in our allocation of time.

N. Suvarna Prasad, director of the school, and I have agreed to a monthly Skype video call to KRPTS each month. The purpose is that I may encourage the students and faculty in their work, and the students can ask me questions from their Bible studies. It's a late-night affair for me - 11:30 PM here is 9:00 AM the next day there - but it has been a joyful and rewarding experience for all of us. In April most of the questions were for explanations of various verses in the books they had been studying.

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



Sybil wearing a saree; her translator, Yana, wearing a punjabi

Krishna River Preacher-Training School is still in need of financial support. Ask me for full information, but it would be better if you could go with us in September to see the work for yourself. Please tell us soon if you are interested.

If you would rather drive to your mission work I can introduce you to a very worthy church in Riverview, New Brunswick, Canada. Sybil and I plan to be with them for the month of July this year, and would be very happy to have you join us for all or part of that mission.

Remember to watch “Confirming the Churches Bible Class” which streams live on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 central time. It can be viewed on YouTube, Google+, or our own web site at acts1541.org. If you want a weekly reminder and a direct link to the YouTube channel, tell me email address on which you would like to receive the link.

Health is good for both of us. I had an eye exam recently simply because it had been several years since the last one. New glasses not needed: my prescription hasn’t changed enough to warrant even writing it.



Studying in our hotel

Clean up and trimming continue on farm as time and weather permit. There has been a great deal of rain and lasting wet ground. Cold temperatures have lingered throughout the month, combining with the water to limit outside work to only a few days in the past month.

Thank you for your prayers and kind words of encouragement. Do you know any churches who could benefit from our help? We are prepared to go just about anywhere at just about any time to train teachers, encourage preachers, and assist churches in their local work. We would love to hear from you.

In His service,

A. L. Parr

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