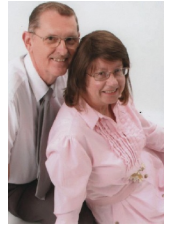


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March - April Report, 2018

Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

The move to Lincoln is finally complete. The keys to the farm house have been given to the buyer. We are left with that bittersweet feeling that speaks of the loss of a familiar home on the one hand and the end of the drudgery on the other. And now, while the move TO Lincoln is complete, we are facing the challenge of the move IN Lincoln. Boxes still take up as much floor space as furniture. There is the dilemma of where to put some things that used to have dedicated locations - locations that don't exist in this house.



One blessing we will have here that we have not had is the audio/video production studio. I have used it twice even though in one end of it is a stack of boxes and the painting and lighting have not been done. The room will double as a mailing room for books and tracts. That part also is already in use as we have filled two literature orders in the past week. The picture shows part of the literature inventory and sorting table. The tracts currently in publication are listed at www.acts1541.org/tracts.htm, and the books are listed at www.acts1541.org/books.htm with an online shopping cart for direct purchase.

Spring finally arrived, but everyone around here thinks that it took too long. It's not unheard-of for early season baseball games to be postponed due to cold, snow, or freezing rain, but we got an uncomfortable surprise on April 9th – after the grass had grown enough that mowing was in order we awoke to three inches of new snow on the ground. By 4:00 in the afternoon there was barely a trace of it to be seen. We have seen snow twice more since then, including two inches on April 19th, but temperatures have been near 80 in central Illinois this week.

“God Has Spoken” continues in the Lincoln Courier every Friday. You may read each week's column at www.acts1541.org/ghs.pdf. Articles in the past two months have been on the distinctiveness of the church and God's plan for man's worship.

We published a new tract in April. “The Pattern for the Church” was sent to Ibrahimpatnam for translating and printing there, and the English version will go to the printer in Lincoln as this report goes out. Another tract and a booklet are planned for printing in May. Watch the web site and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/al.parr.14>) for news of availability of those.



I made my usual monthly Skype visits to Krishna River Preacher-Training School on March 18 and April 29. In March I answered Bible questions submitted by the students. In April I taught an overview of the Second Epistle of Peter. The school continues to operate with 15 students, all of whom are making good grades on exams. Two new prospective students attended my latest online class. N. Suvarna Prasad is the dedicated and energetic director of the school. He has been my translator during all of my missions to Ibrahimpatnam. The picture shows the class and my live image on the projection screen April 29. Thanks to N. Vijaya Rao for sending the photo via Facebook Messenger.

At the time of our last report we had not intended to go to India this year. Disappointment was expressed on both sides of the ocean and we were many times urged to reverse that decision. We have rearranged our schedule to make a two-week trip possible in September. The U.S./Canada border trip will start earlier (mid June) and end earlier (mid August) in order to keep both in the schedule. Sybil will not make the India mission this year; I will be traveling with a young preacher who will be

making a survey trip with a view to future support of KRPTS. Please pray that the elders with whom he works will approve that work upon his report.

For this year's India mission we have been requested to supply Telugu Bibles and song books. Church growth is constant and Bibles are always in demand (most converts come from Hinduism and don't have Bibles). They cost about \$3.00 each. How many Bibles can you buy for your poor brethren in India? Our budget has not included large quantities in the past because they have long been provided in that area by the supporters of brother Russel Bell with whom I made my first mission to India. Brother Bell has spent from 2 to 6 months in India every year for about two decades but is not able to go to India this year. We should help to make up some of that loss. Please send contributions for Bibles and/or song books to Skyway Publishing, Box 662, Lincoln, IL 62656-0662. Thank you.

The BCC work continues to grow. Recent enrollees seem to be more serious students than average. I am receiving more questions and requests for deeper understanding. Recent questions have involved baptism, the Holy Spirit, modern use of the Old Testament, and the nature of inspiration.

I was asked to fill in as teacher of the Wednesday night class in Lincoln the last week of April & first three of May. Brother David Reeves is the regular teacher but his employer has required a change in David's schedule for a five-week period during new equipment installations. The local preacher, brother Doug Adams, taught on the first of those five weeks. The theme for the series I'm teaching is "Difficult Passages in the Bible." Class members are submitting suggested texts for our study. I plan to video all of these classes and upload them to the web site. Look under Sermons, VIDEO for "Difficult Passages."

We have been attending community functions to meet people in our new hometown. We've had several lengthy and profitable conversations, but the first couple we met at an American Legion dinner live only two blocks from us. We agreed to spend more time together. With the warmer weather, and people out more, we have met more of our near neighbors. When the weather is more predictably suitable we plan to have a back yard meet-and-greet cookout.



Screen shot of May 1 class

Confirming the Churches Bible Class is still a 15-minute pre-recorded presentation. We had hoped to return to live streaming on the first of May, but our personal schedule is still too unpredictable. Recent classes, viewable at www.youtube.com/c/AlParr_CTC, have discussed church autonomy, factors leading to apostasy (how to avoid them), the eldership, and the qualifications and work of preachers. The first of May will begin a study of the epistle to the Ephesians. A link to the most recent class is at the top of the first page of our mission web site.

We pray for you daily, and for all the churches, that God will defeat the enemy and strengthen the faith of every one of His children. Please keep this work and us personally in your prayers. Thank you for your prayers, words of encouragement, and material support.

In His service,

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