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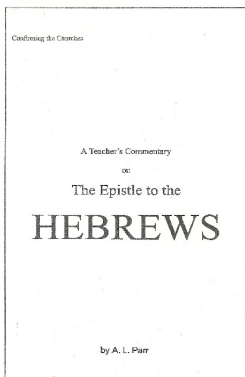
Dear brothers, sisters, family and friends,

Well, we are finally on the road. We didn't make the previously planned date of July 21 because both vehicles were still in repair shops. Additional damage had been found on the truck, and the new part that came in for the RV didn't fit. The truck finally came home on July 30 after eleven weeks and 4 days. The RV was finished and came home on August 2 after eleven weeks and two days. We carefully checked over both, and satisfied ourselves that they were ready for long-distance travel. A projected five week journey with stops in eight states and five provinces began on August 16. After two weeks and 2,900 miles all is going well.

During our nearly three-month enforced stay at home we were not idle. A new tract was published, the correspondence studies and newspaper column continued, and we had opportunity to meet more of our neighbors in the city and county. The monthly video class with Krishna River Preacher Training School during this time continued, as did the weekly online Bible class.

The new tract is "Should We be Doing This?" It identifies practices and doctrines of various churches and asks whether God approves and blesses them. You may read it at skywaypub.org/tracts/doingthis.pdf.

The "God Has Spoken" newspaper column continues weekly in the Lincoln Courier. Recent articles have shown that details of the church that Paul preached are still required today, and the church so identified meets on Pulaski Street in Lincoln. Only the current column is posted online each week at www.lincolnILchurchofchrist.org.



Seventeen Bible correspondence students submitted a total of 123 lessons during this period. The Hebrews correspondence course has one email enrollee and one postal mail enrollee. The course was designed to combine email questions and my online video teaching from the book. A brother in prison, converted to Christ through a previous correspondence course, wanted to study it. He doesn't have access to the internet so we sent him a copy of the commentary and are sending the questions one lesson at a time.

The series of ancient problems in today's churches ended in Confirming the Churches Bible Class in early August. We have since then been showing the New Testament identification of the church to which "the Lord added" the saved (Acts 2:47). Under the theme "Defining Marks of the Lord's Church" we have shown so far its origin in the mind of God, in prophecy, and in promise; then the who, what, when where, and how of that origin. This week's class was the purpose and message of the church (the why). Upcoming classes will be on the membership, organization, worship, and mission of the church. The class is scheduled every Wednesday morning at 10:00 central time on the mission's Facebook page. As we travel we often don't have adequate internet connections for the live stream, so we sometimes have to pre-record and upload the class. Still, you should be able to view the (generally) 15-minute class during that hour and after.

The July 22 Skype class for Krishna River Preacher-Training School concerned woman's role in the church. The instructors had asked me to address this because some of the new students were being pressed by sectarians to follow modern ways. On August 26 I taught again on the subject of "this manner" of prayer (Matthew 6:9) The first class had found this a very helpful lesson, and the instructors thought it good when I suggested it for the current class. Because I had told them last year that I would not be able to be in Ibrahimpatnam in September this year the elders asked me to send a video lesson for the 51st anniversary preachers' lectureship. I recorded "Here Am I; Send Me," a lesson on evangelism from Isaiah 6:8, and sent to them on August 15.



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

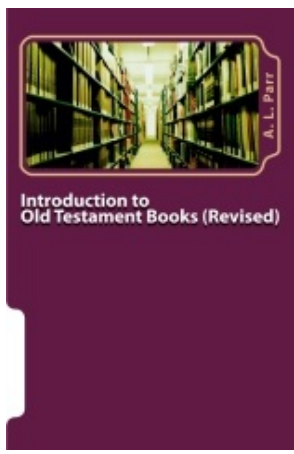
Southeast India suffered a drought during the summer months. Water shortages were severe in both of the cities in which we work. The church in Ibrahimpatnam had a place to drill a bore well, and had permission from the authorities to do so. They requested our financial help, and with it were able to complete the project for the benefit of their entire neighborhood.

Our current journey began with a one-day prayer seminar with the Mall City church in Kalamazoo, Michigan. At the request of the elders Paul Poe and Roger Poe I taught three sessions. This series was previously taught in Pottstown, Pennsylvania in four sessions from my study guide of thirteen lessons. I can adjust the series as local interests require. For the Mall City church I taught [1] "Prayer is Worship," [2] "Learning From Jesus How to Pray," and [3] "Leading Others in Prayer." The elders



told me afterward that one person had previously asked them how I could find enough on prayer to talk for three hours. Following the series several members expressed to the elders their appreciation for the lessons and how much they had learned. That study guide, by the way, is out of print but is online at acts1541.org/books/Prayer.pdf.

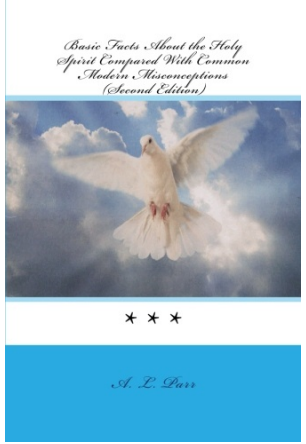
From Michigan it was necessary to go to Alabama before continuing our mission in the northeast. We had contracted to sell some property in Alabama with an anticipated closing date in June. Due to survey discrepancies and various buyer-related issues the closing was delayed to August 22. It's a long way from Kalamazoo, Michigan to Portland, Maine (where I'm writing today) when you have to go by way of Huntsville, Alabama. But if the Lord wills we shall be in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada when August ends and September begins.



The setup issues with Kindle Direct Publishing have finally been resolved. The purchase procedure for my books is now right on the Amazon site. Amazon's links to the listings are two lines long and not intuitive, but you can find the books by typing into the search line "Introduction to Old Testament Books, Revised by A. L. Parr" or "Basic Facts About the Holy Spirit by A. L. Parr".

If the Lord's will is that our plan should be fulfilled we'll be with the Riverview, New Brunswick church for the next ten days, except for Bible studies in Fredericton (NB) and Liverpool, Nova Scotia. Later we plan stops in Quebec City and Toronto before returning to the U.S.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God our loving Father bless you with peace, hope, and good health.



In His service,

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