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September - October Report, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, family, and friends,

In the current social climate it seems always appropriate to begin by saying that by the grace of God we have continued in good health and safety. I had my annual checkup at the VA clinic in Bloomington on September 2. I had no issues to report, nor were any detected by the medical team. I am still without prescription medications and dietary restrictions.



Davison assembly

September 10-16 we were in Goodrich, Michigan. Sasha had to be out of town for work; we went up to stay with the grandchildren. On Sunday morning, September 12 we visited with church in Swartz Creek. That evening we enjoyed again the fellowship of the church in Davison, where I gave an informal update on Samson's work in India.

September 17 we returned to the farm and continued the general cleanup. We also enjoyed the blessing of harvesting walnuts, apples, and grapes from our own trees and vines. Sybil made several quarts of juice from the concord grapes, and both apple sauce and apple butter

from the rich harvest.

Our son Will was married to Lacey on October 30. We had planned to be near them in Texas for two weeks before that so we could help with final preparations. We took advantage of the opportunity to go first to north Alabama to visit with family. We left home on October 4 and returned on November 6.



CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

Lincoln. On October 1 Franklin Richardson was baptized by Doug Adams. Franklin is one of the visitors we mentioned in our previous report. His wife is mostly confined to home by major illness; please keep them in your prayers. Until our October trip Sybil continued to teach the teen girls on Sunday. They have been applying lessons learned from events and people described in the Old Testament. I finished the study of Hebrews on September 5 and began preparing to teach The Revelation. That class is expected to start sometime in late fall.

There has been a rising interest in the church to spend more time together. On September 4 Doug and Kathy Adams invited the church to their home for a pot-luck meal and an afternoon of games. Most were able to attend. All agreed that we should continue planning such gatherings. On September 26 I made a PowerPoint report on all our mission work. If you are interested in hearing that report please contact me. It was not recorded this time, but I will be pleased to visit with you to report in person. The Lincoln church needed to replace a very old furnace the cost of which would nearly have depleted available resources. We donated back to them their contribution to our work for the last three months of this year.



Part of KRPTS class

Ibrahimpatnam. The 53rd anniversary of the planting of the church was September 6. Whereas last year the request was only for one lesson for the preachers' lectureship, this

year's request was for a lesson for each of the four scheduled assemblies. I recorded and sent four lessons: one each for the preachers, the women, the youth, and the general assembly.

Krishna River Preacher-Training School. My class on September 26 reminded preachers not to ignore the needs of their own families while caring for others. I had recently heard of two preachers whose wives had left or threatened to leave them. Of course, over 50 years of preaching I have seen several preachers' families separated. The cause is not always his giving them too little attention while he labors elsewhere in the kingdom, but the possibility requires watching. The Holy Spirit moved Paul to write to the church (I Cor. 7) that the married man must put his wife's welfare before other service in the kingdom. On October 24 the lesson was "Saved by Mercy" from Titus 3:1-7. No person is saved because he is good enough; all who are saved are saved only by the goodness and mercy of God. That fact should govern all our attitudes, actions, and words in relationships with others.



Crown Point, Indiana

Crown Point. During our drive from Goodrich back to the farm I received a call from Wayne Ravesloot requesting that I fill in for him in Crown Point, Indiana on Sunday. During the Bible class hour I taught a general introduction to the book of Psalms. The lesson during the worship period was "My Help," an expository lesson from Psalm 121.

LITERATURE

Tracts & Books. Publication of the translation book was put on hold while I worked on the study guide for Revelation. I still expect to finish the translation book this year, but the study guide will be needed when the study of Revelation begins in November. While traveling we distributed samples of ten of our tracts to church elders in Alabama and Texas. "Why Should I Be Baptized" has been translated into a third language. Brother Yeshudas Dongerdive has translated it into the Marathi language for distribution in the state of Maharashtra where Mumbai (formerly Bombay) is the capital. T.V. Samson Raj has written a Foreword for the Telugu translation of "Introduction to Old Testament Books." That book should be with the printer in Hyderabad as I write this report.

ONLINE TEACHING



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Confirming the Churches Bible Class. The series of lessons on Second Peter was completed on October 20. The lesson for the 27th was on the epistle of Jude. These classes are posted on Facebook (the Confirming the churches page) every Wednesday at 10:00 AM central time. Past lessons may be seen on that page.

Bible Correspondence Courses. Three students sent thirty-nine lessons during these two months.

Thank you again for your support. May God bless you every day.

In His service,

A. L. Parr

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