

Bell's News Letter



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To our supporting Churches and Dear Friends:

Greetings in Jesus name.

My a glorious variety of weather and just life in general, never two days alike each with its own finger print touching the masses of humanity. Benjamin Franklin once said, "The sentence which has most influenced my life is, 'Some people grumble because God placed thorns among roses. Why not thank God because He placed roses among thorns?' I read this and it has given an optimistic trend." To be meek is to have a disposition to see the roses among the thorns, rather than to complain about the thorns among the roses. Which do you see? Your answer will help you to judge whether you possess that meekness of which our Savior spoke.

Some time, long ago a Hindu woman was converted chiefly by hearing the Word of God read. She suffered much persecution from her husband. One day a missionary asked her, "When your husband is angry and persecutes you, what do you do?" She replied, "Well, sir, I cook his food better; when he complains, I sweep the floor cleaner; and when he speaks unkindly, I answer him mildly. I try, sir, to show him that when I became a Christian I became a better wife and a better mother."

These three months have been very busy for us, God has allowed us to travel in North Carolina and Florida, preaching and teaching a total of 35 times so far this quarter. Only the Lord Jesus can be praised in allowing these senior saints to travel and keep this pace for twenty years this coming June 2017. We have seen a lot of movement in the altar but no one saved this quarter, please help us pray this spiritual drought will soon be over. I know God's people are working to get the lost in the services but people seem to be too occupied to come. And if sinners don't hear they can't believe. Yet many have received a gospel tract and returned for a moment in passing to thank me for it. All any of us can do is sow the seed remembering the law of harvest is governed by the sowing. **1 Corinthians 3:6-7** I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

Praise and Prayer Request!

1. Praise the Lord for your love, faithful prayers and support, it encourages us.
2. Praise for all the safe miles we have traveled so far, preaching the Gospel of Christ.
3. Praise for he keeps us very busy and for the many little things every wonderful day of our lives
4. Praying for more to trust Christ.
5. Pray for Mamie her stomach is much better but still flares up once in a while.
6. It looks like January 2018 I'm due a replacement on my pacemaker / defibrillator.

Joyfully Serving Jesus

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Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.