

## Missionaries to the Local Churches of America



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Dear Pastor and Church Family,

It is hard to believe that it is already 2018! It is exciting to think about the year ahead and the new opportunities we will have to serve the Lord and be a witness for Him. While exciting to look ahead, it is also exciting to reflect back on all the many blessings we have received from God. We have so much to be thankful for. God is good all the time and is faithful no matter what the circumstances. It is wonderful to know that we are never alone and that God will always provide for our needs. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;" 2 Corinthians 9:8

At the time of our last update, we were on our way to North Carolina. We had several good meetings, and I was privileged to preach in chapel at Union Grove Christian Academy. After preaching the chapel service, we drove to South Carolina for a missions conference at Morning Star Baptist Church. We gained many new friends and prayer partners while there. Our hearts were stirred as we listened to the testimonies of each of the twenty- plus missionaries that attended. After the conference ended we drove to Alabama to attend the God Save America Conference. The Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts through each message and we left Alabama full and refreshed!

In December we traveled to Florida. We visited sixteen churches, presenting the ministry and preaching in many of them. While in the Jacksonville area I was honored to preach the morning and evening services and present the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church. Both services went very well. Praise the Lord, several people were saved in the morning service. We were supposed to present our ministry the following Wednesday night but the evangelist that was scheduled for Sunday had an emergency and had to leave as soon as he got there. We counted it as a blessing and privilege to step in and fill the gap. We were excited to be used of God even while on deputation!

God has blessed so richly and has supplied every need through our faithful supporters and each local church we have attended. We thank God for each person that has allowed God to use them in this manner. A special thank you to Harbor Baptist Church. They were such a blessing to us! We are grateful for the use of their wonderful missions apartment! We had a great time getting to know the church family. We were able to help out some in between meetings by serving at their Senior Christmas luncheon, as well as going on several trips to look at Christmas lights with them. Our favorite outing was Christmas caroling to those members that were shut-in or ill. Our intent was to minister to others, but we feel that we are the ones that received the blessing!

Speaking of blessings... God allowed us to have a wonderful Christmastime with some of our family. Our parents drove down to Florida from Texas and joined us at Ginger's grandmother's house. It was great to be with our loved ones! **We also had another church partner with us, for which we are very thankful for. Praise the Lord!** 

Thank you for your continual prayers and support. We thank God for each of you! We are praying that this year will be a year of both spiritual and numerical growth for each of you.. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:32b

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