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Psa. 23:1&3 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want....
...“He restoreth my soul”....

Brethren, we are so glad to be able to come to you again and exalt our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He has been so good to us these past few months and has become more real and focused in our lives. We have certainly been busy this summer and it is so encouraging to see God moving in the services where we've been privileged to serve. We have seen over 30 souls saved over the last few months and what a blessing that has been!! We bless His Name for all He is doing in our lives and the lives of others. We have been involved in a work with our home church, the Tabernacle Baptist Church in China Grove, NC and Light on the Mountain Youth Camp this summer impacting over 250 young lives with the gospel with many saved. For over 30 years LOM has been reaching hundreds of youth with the gospel of Jesus Christ with many souls being saved and some even called to preach. We are honored to be a small part of such a great work God is doing.

We have travelled many miles this summer with many miles to go this fall. We were also glad to be a part of the Youth Jubilee at Parkwood Baptist Church in Greenville SC. These services were packed with powerful preaching and a moving of the Holy Spirit in unprecedented ways. God was just so evident and speaking to so many young people, what a blessing! With several saved and many commitments made during each service we found it such a blessing and refreshing time to know God is NOT dead, Hallelujah! Many times, with all the circumstances around us, the world and their crowd want us to believe that God isn't moving the way He used to. We'll have acknowledge to some extent, but it isn't because He doesn't want to. We have to want Him and desire Him in every aspect of our lives and not “at a more convenient time”.

We are excited to see what God is going to do in the coming months. With meetings scheduled in Va., Tn., Ga., Fla. & of course NC we are looking for God to expand our coasts and be used wherever He wants us to go be a blessing and a help to God's man and God's people. These are discouraging times, but our focus should be on Jesus and not the “times”. This is what God has called us to do, to get out the gospel and bring encouragement to our brethren. We have a burden to help churches and pastors in these “perilous times” we're living in and our saddest moments are those when we see churches and pastors accepting discouragement and defeat as “the norm”. We want to exhort our brethren to stay in the fight, trust Jesus & don't give up on Him and His Word!

Prayer Requests.....

Please pray for a young teenage girl we tried to help a few weeks ago. She has many issues and is struggling with addictions and issues with her home. Her life is in mess and she needs Jesus. We tried to get her help, and were so close, but she wouldn't turn lose of her lifestyle.

Her name is Rebecca and she needs your prayers. Also, as we mentioned in our last newsletter, our older 3 children have moved out and started their own lives. Please pray for God to guide them in the right directions. We are also in need for support for our weekly radio broadcasts, “What the Bible

Says” on WYZD radio. These broadcasts have been on the air for over 20 years and have reached many souls with the gospel. And as always, please pray for God to open more doors for us to get into more areas and venues where we might reach the lost with the gospel. Your Prayers DO make a difference!!

He RESTORETH my soul...

This is an amazing thought. The unsuspecting sheep sees each day, from a distance, as his shepherd comes checking the area, testing the waters, and guiding the flock in safe places. Day by day the sheep grows more accustomed to his shepherd. But then, in a moment, the sheep finds himself in peril, and his life has turned on a dime, and while his focus is on his peril, his shepherd appears, as if out of nowhere, to help. Now this shepherd who was at a distance before is so close the sheep can feel his tender touch & even smell him.

Now, when the sheep is returned to the rest of the fold his “distant view” of his shepherd is never as it was before. Now this sheep will look at his shepherd with love and adoration with a certain closeness to his “personal shepherd”. It is only through testing's and trials that we can really know just how much our “Heavenly Shepherd”, Jesus, cares for us and just how personal He will be through our perils. So when our life turns on a dime and it seems all hope is lost, just know that He is always there to “restore our soul”. Hallelujah!

Thank you to all of our supporting churches! Your support is invaluable to us. We are so thankful for your monetary support, but also for your prayer support! We know we cannot do anything without the prayers of God's people. So please don't stop praying for the Orange Family.

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