

And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.—Lk. 1:17

God has certainly been faithful to us! We know you could say the same because He is faithful. We are grateful for all of the doors He has opened this year, even with covid still around. In March we were able to get into 3 churches, 2 of which were week long meetings. Then it started picking up in April with 7 churches with 2 each week long meetings. The month of May continued to pick up with 10 churches & 2 more week long meetings. What a blessing to cover over 3000 miles in 3 months! God has met our needs every step of the way.

We were able to conduct the outreach during a community wide gospel sing while in Swainsboro, Ga. with the Southside Baptist Church. These are ministries where you really never know how far you reach. But we know we were reaching throughout the town with the gospel because we could see folks standing and listening during the preaching and singing. Some even came in & joined us.

We were also blessed to see some sparks of revival in several churches where we were able to preach and sing. To see God move in the hearts of people never gets old or boring. Hallelujah, it's always exciting to see God move! All along the way, we have seen souls saved and God's people strengthened.

One glorious blessing in May, our #3 son, Samuel gave his heart to the Lord! We were in Roanoke, Va. for a Sunday morning homecoming and the night before, he came in and was very troubled about his soul. After some discussion, he realized he hadn't given all to Jesus and called on the Lord for salvation. Hallelujah to the Lamb! He says now, everything is ok. We never pressure our children to receive Christ, but we sure want to make a good environment for the Holy Spirit to come and work in their hearts & "prepare the way of the Lord" by having His presence in our lives every day.

We were also privileged to be involved in the Hope of Israel Baptist Missions National Conference in May. What a tremendous meeting this is! The messages we heard from God's men were outstanding and so helpful in understanding God's plan for Israel and the Jew. Thank God for our Jewish Savior. We are looking forward to next year already!

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PRAYER REQUESTS.....

- We are scheduled to be in several upcoming meetings all over the south east and into the mid-west US, so please pray for our continued safety and traveling grace.
- Pray for churches without pastors. We have been helping where we can with various churches with this. Please pray God place his pastors where He wants them.
- Please pray we can get the necessary bus maintenance done. As we travel, things just break and it costs a lot to have repairs done. We do what we can but, pray we can find the right people to work on it as well. That is very important as well.
- Pray God will continue to enlarge our borders. *We want to knock out all the stops!*

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT

While the Holy Spirit has many tentacles of work and reaches into many areas of our lives, the overall mission and vision would be this verse. Remembering that John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit from his mother's womb, his life purpose is laid out for him before he even breathed the first breath of air from this earth. With this in mind, it is revealed just what the work of the Spirit is. First, to "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children". I don't think we really fully grasp the influence a father has on his children and their hearts. Solomon said in Pr. 23:26, "My son, give me thine heart..." The work of the Spirit, and of a father whose heart is toward his children, is the Heavenly Father's plan for getting the heart of every child. That ideally comes from the teachings of a Godly father in the home who has the heart of his children. Secondly, to turn the hearts of the "disobedient to the wisdom of the just". Man in his sinful state does not have to be turned to disobedience, but rather, he must be turned from it. No child has to be taught to do wrong, they naturally, without even thinking do evil because of their heart. The prophet Jeremiah stated the heart is desperately wicked. Therefore the Holy Spirit will work to turn man from that disobedience to God. Finally, to turn FROM disobedience means to turn TO God. In doing this, he "makes ready a people prepared for the Lord". We cannot meet God in our original natural, sinful condition, hence we must be born again—spiritually. This is the primary work of the Spirit, getting men ready for the Lord. So we ask ourselves the question, "What is the Spirit doing in and with our lives?"—Bro. Orange

God is so faithful!

1Thes. 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. We bless His Name for hundreds of dollars we received from God's people to pass on to the work of the Lord. He is so faithful to meet our every need with showers of blessings. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Thank you to all who have supported us. Your support is invaluable to us, especially your prayers. **Please don't stop praying for us.**

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