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Glad Tidings

From Littleton, NH *Luke 2:10*

“Some give by going on missions; Others go by giving to missions; Without both there would be no missions”

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Visits and Visitors

In some ways, November and December are months where it is hard to feel that one makes much progress in “Church Work” but at the same time these months give us numerous events which are valuable and precious. Church growth involves people reaching out to people and people encouraging people. November has been full of those events.

Early in the month the Dalraida church in Montgomery, Alabama reached out to us about bringing some young people to Littleton to encourage Christians and to sow the seed of the kingdom. Plans have been made for me to visit the Dalraida congregation the first Sunday in December to work out details about their work with us.

The timing was perfect for me to report to three other congregations in Alabama who support our work (The Farley church in north Alabama, the Shades Mountain church in Birmingham and the Stoney Point church in Deatville Alabama). These churches are faithful supporters and were very encouraging when I visited them.

The timing was also perfect for me to enjoy a family Thanksgiving dinner hosted by my niece and her husband which gave me a chance to visit with several other family members. In addition to those visits, I got to stay with my sister as I made her house my Alabama “office” the eight days I was in Alabama.

Encouraged by Visitors

Weezie and I were very encouraged because Billy and Debbie Shurig who are members of the Northfield church in New Jersey came to spend several days with us in Littleton. I had a great lunch and visit with them when I was in NJ in October. They wanted to come see our work firsthand. They also want to bring a few other people with

them sometime this summer to help us evangelize. (Let me say to any of you have come to visit, even if it is a short visit, it has been very encouraging for the eight Christians in northern New Hampshire)!

Hospital Visits

As I mentioned in the October report, one of the new ways I’m trying to reach people here is by serving as a volunteer chaplain in the local hospital. Each day I go to the hospital and make the rounds visiting all the patients. Usually there are six to 15 people I get to visit. I just walk in, tell them I’m the volunteer chaplain and I’ve just stopped by to see if there is anything I can do for them. Often, we strike up a very good conversation and it gives me the chance to invite them to the worship services of the church in Littleton.

Before I leave their room, I ask, “Would you like for me to pray for you?” It is surprising how many people will say, “No, I don’t need that help” or “I don’t believe in prayer.” One interesting situation happened when I asked that question. The man said, “I don’t – I haven’t been to God in prayer, but if you want to pray, go ahead.” When I finished my prayer, he had tears in his eyes and thanked me. We have had several other good visits since that time.

Visitor to Our Worship Service

For a brief time, I went to the gym several days a week. While there I put my business card on the bulletin board. Several months after I quit going to the gym, I got an e-mail from a man who had seen my card there. I called him and we had a good visit, and I took him to lunch and he expressed interest in attending our services. The only problem is that he works from 8 to 4 Saturday and Sunday at a de-tox facility, and he was going to have to see if he could leave thirty minutes early on Sunday. It took a couple of weeks, but he has worked out that schedule and the last Sunday in November, I picked him up at work (he

doesn't have a car) and he worshipped with us. I believe that he will continue attending. When I return, I hope to begin weekly Bible studies with him. Please pray for Mike Williams.

Our Team



Here is a picture of the Christians in northern NH except for our senior member, Tom Jackson. We are two different congregations, twenty miles apart but we work together in all our efforts to evangelize northern NH.

Tom Jackson – He is a 1979 Bear Valley Bible Institute graduate and he started this congregation. He adds lots of wisdom and guidance. Now in the picture from left to right:

Mac Graham – Born in the States – His father was born and raised in Northern Ireland and he moved back to Ireland when Mac was six. Mac lived there until he was 26 when he came to BV. He graduated in 2023, moved with us to NH. He has become an outstanding teacher and preacher.

Rod Partain – Raised in Houston, Texas but has lived in Massachusetts and New Hampshire most of his life. He consistently gives the best messages at the Lord's table.

Jenny Partain – Standing in front of Rod is his wife, raised in Connecticut, Harding graduate. Quiet, but amazingly active and effect behind the scenes. One thing she does is produce the bulletin for the Lancaster church.

Laura Forsythe – A recent convert, raised in New England but moved to Lancaster from Las Vegas recently. You will not find anyone who has a greater servant heart and also has an amazing thirst for Bible knowledge.

Scott Johnson – Raised in Amarillo, Texas; Graduated from BV and moved to Lancaster, NH in 2015. He, Mac, and I do the teaching and preaching for Lancaster and

Littleton. I don't think he has ever forgotten anything he has read or heard.

Weezie Burger – Raised in Hereford, Texas - Outstanding teacher of children and ladies. Best interviewer of people you will ever know – has great FB post about our work. Has been my constant companion since we met in 1964 and married in 1965.

Wayne Burger – Raised in the Birmingham, Alabama area. Been preaching since 1962. Have taught at BV since 1991.

We are a wonderful harmonious team, striving to sow the seed of the kingdom among the 120,000 + people in the two counties where the church is located. We need and appreciate your prayers and financial support.

On a Personal Note

Our daughter lives about two hours from us and so while I was in Alabama Weezie spent the week with her. I'm sure they had a great time. I'm writing this while in Alabama and according to what I found, Littleton got five inches of snow Thanksgiving Day. That is our first measurable snow of the year. The temperatures have also dropped significantly. The high each day for the next week is in the mid-20s. Healthwise, Weezie and I are doing very well for which we give thanks to God. Of course, we moved to NH because we were living at 8,000 feet elevation in Colorado and Weezie was on oxygen 24/7. Since moving to NH, she doesn't have to have the oxygen machine. That is a wonderful blessing, plus she has more energy and endurance.

You might find it interesting to read a little about what it takes for me to visit down south or out west.

To get to Alabama, I left the house in Littleton at 2:15 a.m., drove two hours to catch a bus to ride an hour and a half which took me to Logan Airport in Boston. I then flew to Baltimore, Chicago, and then arrived in Birmingham at 5:15 p.m. That is quite a trip, but better than driving 1,300 miles to get to Birmingham. Do you get the impression we are a long way from the Bible belt? We are only a couple of hours from Canada and 170 miles from Montreal, Canada.

We would love for you to come to northern New Hampshire. Most of the year it is a very beautiful place to visit. The mountains make you think you are in Colorado. Even though they are not as tall as those in Colorado, they seem tall because our elevation is about sea-level.

The summer weather is delightful, with temperatures most days in the 70s and 80s. The fall is absolutely gorgeous with the multi-colored leaves. Littleton is a quaint little town with multiple touristy stores. One is a

candy store that has a 70-foot candy counter with three layers of candy jars. They also make the best fudge you will ever eat. So, make your plans to visit. You will enjoy the area, no matter what season it is, and you will encourage the eight Christians who live in the area!

Thank You!!!

As I close, words cannot express the deep love and appreciation we have for the fact that you have for our work. Your interest in hearing about it, your prayers for it and your financial support of us.

Wayne and Weezie Burger
Your missionaries in northern New Hampshire