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To the Elders at Fairview Park Church of Christ

I would like to take this opportunity to give you guys an update on how things are going on here at the local work and myself this past month. It is my hope and prayer that everything is going well for you guys and that the work there is continuing to grow and prosper.

My family and I kept a busy schedule this past month with the starting of school, traveling to preach at Gospel meetings and other local works needing someone to fill-in. My youngest son, Nathaniel, had his birthday on August 13th and he turned three years old. He is still doing good and he recently had a physical done because we signed him up for the HIPPY program which is a home-based preschool program for three and four year olds. My other son, Logan, is doing great in school. He continues to express his love for school and that he enjoys going to school. We recently signed him up for fall soccer so we will see how that goes for him. My wife, Sarah, is doing well. She has really stepped up here recently with my most recent issues that have come up which I will address further below. I mentioned in my last update letter that my doctor had changed my blood pressure medicine. After he did that, it turns out that wasn't my only issue because I was still having problems so I went back to the doctor. This all happened the very first week in August. The doctor ran some tests over a two day span and noted that my blood sugar was high. The first reading was 150 and the other one was 180 so he decided to put me on 'metformin'. I wasn't feeling good before but once I started taking that medicine, I began to get really sick. I was almost forced to cancel going to Russellville to preach but I talked with my doctor about the issues I was having and he decided to cut my dosage in half. Even with the dosage being cut in half, I was still getting sick. To put it plainly, I felt worse on the medicine than previously before I was ever on the medicine. However, I knew it was only temporary side effects. Since I was so sick, I used that as my opportunity to change up my diet completely and I have been doing much better as far as my diet goes. As the month went on, the sickness due to the medicine would come and go. I would be okay one day and then really bad the next. I was actually rather thankful that the Sunday that I was there at Fairview that my medicine didn't make me sick. I think it was because I was able to keep moving around since I was traveling all day that day. This issue is obviously something that is life changing. I have completely altered my diet plan and have started an exercise plan. I am finally starting to feel better now that I am adjusting to the medicine. Other than this, we are all doing well. I ask that you continue to pray for us as we continue these changes in our lives and as we continue to work here.

The local work here in Monticello is still continuing to do good. Here recently, there has been a family of five that has been worshiping with us on a more consistent basis than they do at their other church which is in Warren, Arkansas. I have attempted to reach out to that other work to see what their plans are since they have some members moving off but I haven't heard anything back. From the looks of things, the family will be placing membership with us. We also had one come forward seeking prayers from the congregation as he is trying to work things out in his life. He also requested to have a private Bible study so we will be beginning that once his rotating shift goes back to his day shift for the month. In our Sunday morning Bible class, we just finished up our last study which was on 'Shepherds' and our new quarterly study will be on the 'miracles of Jesus'.

I have mentioned previously about my youtube page dealing with a project of sermons. I am still working on that but I also wanted to mention something else that is offered on youtube that may interest you. There is a program called "Prove All Things" and it is hosted by the High School Road Church of Christ from Indianapolis, Indiana. They do this program every Tuesday night at 6:00pm. They have a panel of preachers come on and they will answer Bible questions live on the air. You can also go on their youtube page and watch all of the previous episodes of "Prove All Things". It is an excellent one

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hour series that comes on once per week and I have been a guest panelist on there once before. Just search for "High School Road Church of Christ" on youtube and you should be able to pull up their channel.

I thoroughly enjoyed being able to worship with you guys at Fairview Park. It was so good to see some old friends that I have known for years but at the same time, it was wonderful to be able to meet new friends as well. We have received several cards from members at Fairview Park and I just want to say thank you to all of you for the amount of love and hospitality that you all have shown to my family and I.

I appreciate the continued support that you guys have been giving me. I hope and pray that the work continues to grow and prosper.

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