

Lee Elkins
April 2016 Report

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. I hope and pray that everything is going well for all of you this past month.

I also wanted to let you all know that I am very appreciative of you all being patient and understanding as my family relocated in Monticello. All of the local churches and people who support me were wonderful this past month as we moved. I usually send out letters at the first of each month but this past month was somewhat an exception for me. We were finally able to find a house to rent that has more space for my family. Living in a small two bedroom apartment started to become somewhat of a hassle for us. Mostly because of the college aged kids who lived in the same complex. Thankfully we were able to find this new house and still be paying the same amount in rent. Our mailing address is different than our physical address. I recently set up a P.O. Box because our mailbox has been hit several times. I felt that a P.O. Box would be much more secure for mail than having people mail anything to our physical address. My mailing address information is below.

P.O.
Box 265
Monticello,
AR 71657

The local work has been doing well. It may not seem like much but it is nice to have extra men who are capable of leading singing. As most know, I love leading singing but sometimes it is nice to be in the crowd. Our attendance has been averaging around 35-40 every Sunday morning with a high of 54 on one Sunday last month. I recently had several studies with two "elders" from the local Mormon group here in Monticello. One of them seemed pretty solid in his convictions but I could tell that the other was having trouble in our studies. We are praying that we are able to reach them both with the truth of the Gospel in its simplicity. We are still looking for a new location as nothing has officially come open yet. We recently had discussions with another local preacher in the area about the location that they are currently in. As of right now, it will not be available until possibly July. Apparently this group is working on building a new building and it is projected to finish in July. Their current location can hold up to 150 in the auditorium and there is plenty of room there to implement class rooms. We will continue to do our best to spread the Gospel message in whatever location setting we are in.

Over the past two months, things have overall been going good for us as far as our health goes except for one minor set back. The set back that I am referring to is something that I am still dealing with as of now but I am confident that things will get better soon. I recently had a small bump show up on the right side of my left knee. I am not sure how it got there but then it kept getting bigger. I went to the doctor and it is staph infection. It is very painful but I

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am on some strong antibiotics. I have seven days worth of medicine and if it is not better by then, they may try to drain it to see if the infection will go away. Other than that, everything has been going good for my family.

Also some other changes have come about but I am hoping that it is temporary. As the process of looking for support continues, I decided that it was best to find a secular job in order to help supplement income to support my family. Thankfully, I was able to find a job that allows me to be off on every weekend. I am currently working at Armstrong Wood Flooring in Warren, AR. Once I am able to acquire enough support per month, I will return back to my normal schedule that I had before.

I am thankful for the support that you guys have set aside to help me during our time of need. I want you to know that I really appreciate your prayers and words of encouragement as I continue to work here at this local church. It encourages me to see brethren in other areas working and striving to do the Lord's will. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns. You may contact me anyway you wish. My contact information will be below.

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