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April 2017 Report

It is my hope and prayer that this letter will help give you some insight of what has been going on recently with the local work of the Church here in Monticello and my family.

This past month has been much better for our family as far as our health is concerned. The only real issue that has troubled us has been due to the pollen which plagues many people during this time of the year. I could be wrong but for our area, it looks like the worst part of our pollen season is over with. I mentioned in my previous letter that I was having all sorts of trouble with vertigo. This past month has been a different story which is a good thing for me. I have had at most, two different "vertigo spells" that I can recall over the past month. My Doctor and chiropractor gave me some stretching routines that have helped calm whatever it is that causes me to have those spells. I am still not sure what exactly triggers a spell for myself because sometimes I can be reading a book, standing up, walking around, or even have a spell while sitting down. There doesn't seem to be a consistent trigger or if there is one, I have not figured it out yet. I did find out recently that my brother has also been dealing with vertigo as well but his has been much worse than mine. His gets to the point where he cannot ride in a car even with taking medication. Thankfully, my dealings with it have subsided for the most part but I do ask that you continue to pray for me. I am doing my best to take it day by day and I would like to get to the point of not having any more problems with vertigo.

The local work here in Monticello is continuing to do well. Two families have recently had deaths, I mentioned one in my previous letter. The Wimberly family is doing better but they are still in need of prayers. The death of sister Wimberly's son has had a huge impact on that family as it was somewhat unexpected. Death is never easy to deal with but it has been somewhat of a blessing at the same time. Sister Wimberly is always faithful in coming to the assembly and in bringing her two granddaughters who have both obeyed the Gospel. The blessing is that her husband who has been unfaithful for many years has reached out and is beginning to show some interest in coming back. We are all trying to do our best to encourage him to come back to the Lord. The second death happened recently in the O'Neill family, sister Joyce O'Neill's brother passed away. The family had a graveside service with singing and they asked me to speak at the graveside. It is my hope that the family will continue to seek the council of the Lord. Our Sunday morning bible class is currently studying out of the book of Daniel and I am currently teaching that class. Our Wednesday evening bible class is continuing the study from the series "The Church Jesus Built" put together by brother Mark Copeland. We will be studying "How To Establish Authority" this coming Wednesday evening.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It is because of your continued support that I am readily available at all times for the brethren here in Monticello. I am able to better prepare myself and to continue to study in God's Word without having to worry about concerning myself with a job that would take me away from my work in the Lord. I hope and pray that everything is continuing to go well for all of you and that the local work will continue to grow and prosper.

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