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MORE WORK

Blessed be our God that gives us strength to do His will. God's power is magnified in our weaknesses when we overcome the challenges that we face. More potential and opportunity for growth brings more resistance from Satan against us. However, greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.

We rejoice in the many physical and spiritual blessings from our loving Father each day. The Lord has given us a part in His great work of saving souls. It is God who energizes us to will and to work according to His good pleasure. I thank God for your fellowship in doing His work by supporting me and for the increased opportunities to reach the lost.

BENTON

Our attendance has decreased in recent weeks, but our last assembly was a very good number. Some members have started attending elsewhere; others have been sick. We have two young families affected with marriage problems (sin). Both the fathers are truck drivers. One of them, Chris came forward and made a confession of sin and asked for forgiveness. However, it appears that the family has already reached the point of being repaired.

On the brighter side, Frank has been doing very well. He has been a big help and encouragement in visiting others and making good comments in classes. We continue to have some visitors from the community. We recently had our quarterly fifth-Sunday business meeting, and we began making plans for next year. This had a good effect on everyone involved, so we will meet again very soon.

The Bargers have to supervise Mildred Barger full-time. My wife Ellen is spending a lot of time with Mildred Prince. Many members pitched in to help sister Prince while we were in Texas. She is doing much better now. Ellen also teaches the ladies' class every month.

Harold taught class and Seth preached while I preached in Texas. Seth has told me that he will be with Highway 5 again. He brought two visitors Sunday. Jason brought a friend recently. Mae brought her friend Martha again.

My personal evangelism efforts suffered because I fell in October. I slowly recovered and was able to get around after ten days. After I felt better, I was able to study with some more people. I have studies with Richard (First Principles), Bertha and Linda (Revelation), Barbara, (The Church), Lula (The Church), Essex (The Church), the Johnson family (Old Testament history), Mt. Carmel Retirement Center (Ephesians), Mildred Prince (1 Samuel), the Dickerson family (Exodus). Through these studies and other work with members at Highway 5, I have made a few other contacts which I hope will develop into studies: Dennis W., Willie S., Steve F., and Ray D.

We average about ten each week at Mt. Carmel retirement village. We are in Ephesians. Most people in the class are Christians, but we do have a few who have denominational backgrounds who come frequently.

On Sunday mornings, I am preaching from the Book of Proverbs, and I am teaching the adult Sunday morning class the Book of Ecclesiastes. There are several mini-themes in Proverbs. I am currently preaching about parenting. These lessons are very well-received. The men preach on the second Sunday evening each month, and we have a song service the last Sunday evening of every month. I started to

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preach one lesson each month on Sunday evening about one of the songs that we sing. On other Sunday evenings, we are looking at the four themes of Old Testament prophecy laid out in Acts 26:23: the suffering of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, light for the Jews, and light for the Gentiles.

I help Don McLain with the 65th Street church's live call-in radio program every day except Monday. I hear from more and more people that they listen. Besides the home Bible studies, radio work, and preaching, I write all the articles for our weekly bulletin. I will try to update these materials on the website soon (one of the projects discussed in the business meeting).

FELLOW WORKERS

I am thankful to the Lord for all the studies I have and for the new opportunities that have opened up recently. Through your support, you are the Lord's instrument to provide me time and opportunity to work for the Lord. Thank God for you and for your fellowship in our labors. May the Lord bless you and all your (and our) efforts to reach the lost, edify saints, and glorify God.

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