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Hello brethren,

Let me begin this month with some good news from the **Federal Prison Camp**. For the last few months, I've been working on getting permission from the interim chaplain to baptize inmates at the prison. He has kindly agreed to allow me to do this on a quarterly basis, and our first baptisms are scheduled for mid-May. Even though being able to baptize once a quarter isn't ideal, it's certainly much better than not being able to baptize at all! There are several inmates who have been interested for months in being baptized, and several more who have become interested the more we've discussed it in our Tuesday night Bible class. God has answered our prayers by opening this door, and I'm hopeful that this new opportunity will be just the beginning.

Another new update has come from our Thursday night Romans study (this is the study we've been advertising on meetup.com). Earlier this spring, a young man named **Dustin Larson** showed up to study with us after coming across our group on the Meetup website. After studying with us for several weeks, Dustin agreed to meet with me for an individual study, where I got to know him a little better and we were able to study some things that were relevant to his spiritual background (he had become interested in Christianity after leaving a religious cult he had been involved with for several years). I was pretty surprised when partway through the study Dustin, seemingly out of nowhere, brought up baptism. After further study, he decided this was something he needed to do, although he wanted to wait until he returned from a trip to Colorado the following week. A few days later, when I texted him to see how his trip was going, he told me he had decided to just go ahead and get baptized while he was in Colorado. What can I say...some people are just full of surprises! ☺ Since then, Dustin has continued attending studies regularly and has encouraged us with his growth. My biggest concern for him right now is that he will be leaving soon for a summer job in a remote part of Colorado that will leave him pretty isolated from other Christians. Please pray for his continued growth and for our wisdom as we try to find ways to encourage and help him from afar. I am confident that if God can providentially connect us to Dustin, then God can certainly bring others across his path in Colorado who can help him grow.

Other people that I'm meeting with regularly for studies include **Steve Bastie** (Tuesday mornings in Acts), **Dyrek James** (Wednesday mornings in the Sermon on the Mount),

**Bev Stewart & Mary Ryan** (Thursday mornings in the Sermon on the Mount), and **Janelle Ide** (Thursday evenings in the Romans Meetup study). I will include more details about each of these studies in future reports. One final update I'd like to mention this month is in regard to financial support. Earlier this year, the Northwest congregation let me know that they would have to decrease their support from \$1500 to \$1000 monthly. Before that change went into effect, another church (the Eastside congregation – see below) informed me that they would be able to pick up the \$500/month deficit for the remainder of 2016. We're extremely indebted to them for meeting that need, and to all of you who give so generously in support of the work here. If you ever have any questions or concerns about the work, please feel free to contact me anytime at the numbers/addresses listed in the letterhead at the top of the report.

Yours in Christ,  
Taylor

Below is a summary of all monthly financial support I am currently receiving.

1. Hawk Ridge church of Christ (Duluth, MN)	\$400/mo
2. Kirkwood church of Christ (Kirkwood, MO)	\$300/mo
3. Old Wire Road church of Christ (Fayetteville, AR)	\$300/mo
4. Fairview Park church of Christ (Little Rock, AR)	\$500/mo
5. Northwest church of Christ (New Hope, MN)	\$1000/mo
6. Rocky Point church of Christ (Cordova, TN)	\$400/mo
7. Christian in Villa Park, IL	\$100/mo
8. Brentwood church of Christ (Brentwood, TN)	\$500/mo
9. Eastside church of Christ (Conway, AR)	\$500/mo

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10. **TOTAL**

**\$4000/mo**