

February – March 2019

Dear Praying Brethren,

Thank you for all the prayers and support rendered on our behalf. We trust that these last two months have found you well and busy in the Lord's service. For us, our schedule has been much busier since our last letter and we are grateful for the increase in meetings and supporters. As we have made our way from the south, we were privileged to be in 16 different churches, two of them being mission's conferences. The states visited include Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Virginia, Connecticut, and Maine. Also, we were able to visit with some churches in Montreal, Canada. Overall, we have traveled many miles without incident, and we are grateful to the Lord for His continued protection on the roads.

Since our last update, at least five churches have taken us on for support. These new supporters bring our support level over 36%. We are grateful to these churches for their care and concern for the field of Spain and, most importantly, thankful for the Lord's faithfulness to answer our prayers in burdening churches to help in our calling to reach the lost in Barcelona, Spain.

Getting to the field is the ultimate goal of deputation and we request that you would be in prayer with us concerning two specific points of planning for this. First is for finding the proper time frame for departure to Spain. For now, the goal is to be ready to leave by the end of May 2020. This, of course, is subject to the law of Proverbs 16:9, **"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps."** Second is for our approach in obtaining visas. As most of you know, this can be a substantial obstacle for foreign missionaries. We have some different options ahead of us and, when the time comes, we want to make the right decision.

As deputation progresses, our efforts to sow the seed these last two months has yet to bare any *visible* fruit. They have, however, reminded us of the hardness of the ground upon which most seed falls. One of the saddest parts of trying to bring **"light of the glorious gospel of Christ"** to a dark world is the reaction to the free gift of eternal life. A surprising example of this happened to me when I tried to give a tract to a lady behind the counter at a parking garage. After I paid the bill, I handed her a tract entitled "The Way to Heaven". She smiled, took the tract and, without breaking eye contact, threw it in the trash can next to her. I have had people rip up tracts in front of me. I have had people cuss me out for trying to give them the Gospel. But I have never had to face someone so callous and cavalier about throwing away something as simple as a tract about heaven. My only hope is that this young lady will be given another chance by the God that she so flippantly ignored.

On the family front, we must praise the Lord for a specific answer to prayer. Our daughter, Catalina, decided that a nickel would make for a tasty snack. We were unsure if she had really swallowed it until several days later. After two visits to the urgent care hospital and the potential of having to consult a pediatric surgeon, she finally passed the nickel. Thankfully, the Lord kept this from becoming much worst than it did. I will say that this does give a whole new meaning to 1 Peter 5:2.

Thank you again for all your prayers and support and, may the Lord continue to guide and direct your steps until He comes and takes us home.

Sincerely in His Service,

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