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We were blessed to welcome the New Year in preaching for Pastor Robert Boyce at First Baptist Church of Flat Rock Michigan during their watch night services. From there we drove all night long and most of New Years day back down to North Carolina where we left our RV. Because of the accident we had canceled all meetings in Florida and stayed in North Carolina until we were able to get the truck fixed that we had borrowed. Throughout all of that we were able to return the truck in better condition than when we borrowed it thanks to the many prayers on our behalf. We were blessed that the LORD filled our open schedule by allowing us to share our burden in churches around the Charlotte area and gave us opportunity to visit some of those who support us as well. We saw GOD moving in many hearts during these services and are humbled that we could be used to be a blessing to so many, as we were going through our own little trial over the events of this accident. Finally at the end of January we were at Highland Baptist Church for their annual Missions Conference. I preached a series from Hebrews 12:1-4 on "What Is Hindering Us" from reaching souls for Christ. What a tremendous time that turned out to be as the LORD lifted some heavy (burdens) "weights" through the messages and ignited a renewed fire of compassion for the LOST. As January drew to a close we fired up the RV and for the first time in nearly two months we were on the road once again headed to Alabama.

February began in Valley Alabama with Pastor Darren White of Emmanuel Baptist Church where we stopped to present our Ministry. We had visited them two years before during their annual camp meeting but this was the first time to present our Ministry to the Church and preach that Sunday evening. We were blessed with the many hearts the LORD touched through the message that night as well as the great encouragement they were to us. Once again I was called upon to speak with a young man thinking of going into the Military (as often I am). Recruiters do their job well and often entice young men and women with the "highlights" of being in the Military (that's their job), but I like to give them the "whole" story of what they are about to venture into. It is not my intention to talk them out of military service but rather to let them know the true depths of what military service can be like. If they intend to enlist in the Military then we would rather that they do so with their eyes (especially spiritually) open to what they are voluntarily getting themselves into. Most are very appreciative of this insight and straightforwardness, which allows them to make a better educated decision toward not only the Military but what and how the LORD may desire to use their life. While in Alabama we also visited Pastor Fred Flowers at Souls Harbor Baptist Church in Roanoke and Pastor Shannon Mapp at Gospel Light Baptist Church in Lineville. In previous visits we were blessed to be a part of working on each of these two churches building projects. They were excited to have us in to report on how our ministry was going, while we were excited to see their buildings completed and in use for the LORD. Not knowing the many battles that these churches have been facing the LORD knew what was needed in the messages he had me preach so that God could encourage and strengthen His Church. So often the messages I'm led of the LORD to preach seem to be the "hard" ones, but when they are done and He works in hearts it turns out that they were the right message at the right time for the right people to encourage them to stay right with the LORD. Praise the LORD that He desires to use us in so many lives for His Glory!

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From Alabama we headed on over to Mississippi to visit Pastor Gary Caudill as we tried to be an encouragement to him and his family. While there we also visited Pastor Steve Craft of Spanish Oak Baptist Church in Preston preaching on a Wednesday evening. Then the following week we spent in Union Mississippi at Smyrna Baptist Church with Pastor Gabe Beck. We have known Brother Gabe for many years now and we are thankful for this opportunity to present our ministry to the Church. Nearly every day as we would head to town for one thing or another, we met and began witnessing to Veterans as we do all the time. We are thankful when we are able to be with a pastor for several days at a time so they get an opportunity to see just how easy it is to minister to our Veterans. Our desire in each church is to be used of the LORD to inspire a Veteran in the Church to take up the mantle and begin reaching those around them. That is when we know that our message was not just heard but taken to heart and we are able to leave blessed of the LORD. This also happened in our meetings in Louisiana to finish out the month. We dropped by Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Pearl River for two nights and were blessed to be able to preach there and then headed over to Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Bogalusa for a meeting we had originally scheduled for back in September, but it had to be canceled due Pastor Joe Roszelle's health. He had several back surgeries within in about four months and was physically unable to walk in September but he was back on his feet when we arrived this past week. After teaching (Sunday School) and preaching on Sunday evening we spent the next two days passing out "Thank You For Serving" cards at the local VA clinic. One of the Veterans who had received a card on Monday commented to us when he returned on Tuesday that He was Thankful for what we were doing and said "We need more folks like ya'll doing what you are doing for us Vet's". We also ran into many Veterans at the local Wal-Mart as we did our shopping. We were looking for the water jug fill station and Cathy asked a clerk where it was located, so the clerk took her and showed her its location. The next thing I know they were both in tears and the clerk excused herself and said she would be right back. She went to get her husband who also works there as he is a Veteran who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Shortly thereafter they found us and right there in the middle of the grocery store we began to minister to them both and it was obvious to anyone around that they were blessed by it. She said she was having a really bad day until we showed up and that having us talk to her and her husband was the best thing that could have happened to them since his deployment. We gave them some materials to read along with our CD and Gospel tract as they departed with tears of joy on their faces and with many thanks for us dropping in their lives right then. It is the simple meetings like this that keep us going, even though we do not always see the outcome of what actually or eventually happened, we know that the LORD used us to plant a seed, ease a hardened heart, and encourage a lost people that GOD does CARE!!!

While we are currently in Texas for the next several weeks we have already seen that the LORD is not going to allow us to travel west this summer as we had desired. Instead we will be spending our summer traveling from Wisconsin throughout the mid west and have to be back in Lexington NC by late August. From there we are going to try to head up into the North East New England states once again through early fall and then be back in Michigan and Ohio in October & November. Please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to schedule us while we are in your area of the country.

PRAYER REQUEST

- ❖ We will be visiting a Veteran here in Texas at the request of his brother, please pray that he will be open to the Word of God as he has not been in the past according to his brother.
- ❖ We are searching for a vehicle to tow behind our RV and are saving funds towards that end. We desire prayer for the LORD's will in this and not just what we want or can afford.
- ❖ PRAISE THE LORD... our support is steadily growing for which we are indeed thankful. We continue to pray for those whom the LORD has given us in support for God's Blessing upon Ya'll!

Four "HIS GLORY"

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Ephesians 6:10-20

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