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December/January

Greetings Friends,

I was struggling this month to write our report. We always want to share all the great things that are happening on the field, but they don't always come. Some months, we are just continually plowing the ground, doing the planting of the seed, and waiting on the Lord to do great and mighty things in "our" timing. As I sat and thought on that for a FEW seconds, I was reminded by the word of God that that is our purpose, just to do the work, whatever it is. (1 Corinthians 3:5-9) Even when sickness comes, which it did again this month, continue to encourage God's people the best you can, which we try to do, and see what the Lord can do through it. AND then, as the Lord examines our hearts, He does the great things we have been waiting for.

I say all the above to say this. God has, through the work here, brought two young souls to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ since the last report. This was an enormous encouragement to all of us, and hopefully to you. We have also seen several first time visitors come to our services. I do not know if they will return, but the Lord had them there on Sundays that I preached very clear Gospel messages and they will never be able to say they do not know how to be saved. Over the last few months, we had seen people leave over minor offences from the word of God, but it seems the Lord had replacements waiting to come. We are still really active in our discipleship program, with two men nearing the end, two ladies a little over half way through, and several other in different stages. As these come to the end of their lessons, we are praying for the Lord to put it on the hearts of some of those that have not started yet to want to participate in discipleship. Of course, we are also praying for souls to be saved and that they would want to grow through the discipleship also. Our street evangelism and other evangelism has been limited a little this month because of sickness and weather, but we are still doing it between rain drops and coughs. One of visitors came because they were given a tract and spoke to us during the street ministry. It really does work!

One of continual prayer requests, in nearly every service, is to see individual spiritual growth in our people. We are beginning to see that in many, but not in others. Would you please pray with us for that? Please pray for our children's class and the children. We have around 10 preteens in that class and are praying about starting a teen Sunday School class. Pray for our health. There's a flu/cold going through our house and the church that are vicious (not the man flu). Lisa has been hit really hard, but improving gradually. Please pray for her! We have four expecting mothers in the church, please pray for them, and wisdom for us how to handle this with the property we now meet in. Please pray for more souls to be saved!

Love in Christ, Eric & Lisa

