

September 2, 2008

Dear brethren,

We thank God for you and your support in our work of preaching Christ. We pray that your work continues to go well at home and may the Lord help us have a sense of urgency to be aware of those around us who need the Gospel on a daily basis.

This past Sunday one of our members acknowledged her faith in Christ by confessing that she had sinned against God in a public fashion and needed the prayers of the congregation. It takes a degree of courage and faith to step out among people that you know and love and that love you and uncover the exterior and expose what is problematic on the inside. Herbie Darrington did just that and wanted to make things right with her Lord. As long as I have known her, she has had a very tender conscience and has wanted to do the right thing. I am thankful for people like her that will acknowledge their faults if they are public and repent of them, and make that known to the brethren so that they can receive needed encouragement. Please pray for her.

Things change around us all the time in our lives. Occasionally, and perhaps more these days, we come across people that need help in a financial way, and beyond that you find they also need spiritual guidance. We have come across such an opportunity. Faith Harrimon, a 26 year old, was experiencing some car trouble. Jared, our third son, saw that she needed some help and offered her a ride and learned several weeks later that she certainly was living on a meager amount of money to support herself and her daughter (she never married but has a two year old daughter out of wedlock). Her income last year was \$10,000 and that amount supported her and her daughter, somehow, without outside assistance. Jared asked if we would consider Faith and her daughter moving into our basement and try to help her for a while so that she could get back on her feet. Well, after a couple of conversations with her, we decided that it might be an opportunity to help someone in need, and perhaps we would also be able to be an influence on her. She is currently a member of the church of God denomination. During one of our conversations with her, she agreed that it would be good if we could have periodic discussions about the Bible and religious faith. She seems to be quite spiritually minded and stable for someone whose father died at 3 years of age and who doesn't have a very good relationship with her mother. She moved in today. So, we will begin to develop a new relationship with someone living in our house, and we hope that eventually she will agree to study and begin to worship with us. We solicit your prayers on our behalf so that we might help Faith and her daughter and also ask that you remember Faith and her daughter and pray for them.

The church here is doing well. We continue to reach out to the community with the Gospel in speaking to others about Christ. We ask that God will open doors of opportunity so that precious souls might be taught the truth.

Brethren, I don't ask enough for prayers on behalf of Nancy's parents. They live with us too and as I have reported on occasions through these letters, Nancy mom is in the latter stages of Alzheimer's disease. She is currently eating well, but needs assistance in every aspect of her life. It has been sad to watch such a vibrant, lovable, gregarious person lose all of her self to such a devastating disease. Thankfully, she was faithful to God and to His Son all of her life as far as we know. May God help us to be His faithful disciple all of our days.

For the Master,
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P.S. I need to mention that Nancy has a book that is being published called "Choosing a Mate, Letters to Singles". It is unique in its content and I believe will be excellent material for a quarterly Bible class. It contains 13 lessons and should be available in October, God willing.