

Greetings from your missionaries, office staff and their families.

At last year's meeting we added our newest missionary, Clinton Morris, and his family to serve on the field in Springdale. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and welcome them to our missionary family. Currently, along with Clinton, we have Juan Carlos in North Little Rock, Ruben in West and South Little Rock, Darrin in Fort Smith, Jim in Alma, Johnny in Flippin and Michael in Caldwell.

On August 28th we celebrated the organization of Connection Point Baptist in Brookland under the leadership of Chad White. Thank you, Chad, Shelly, and Alex for your God honoring work and faithfulness.

Mustard Seed in the Cain Community, under the leadership of Jim Tollison, has set December 4th as the date for their organization. Be praying for these as it is always a giant step to leave the umbrella of the State Missions Department.

Life Journey in Fort Smith, under the leadership of Darrin Smith, is beginning to make plans concerning organization possibly within a year. And another is fast approaching that time also. Continue to pray for these brand-new churches as their leaders change hats from missionary pastors to church pastors.

It has been a somewhat discouraging year for the Lord's work in general. With Covid 19 lingering on, even peaking in many areas, it has continued to make 2021 another challenging year for God's work everywhere, especially in Missions. As pastors and church members you know how difficult it has been to keep the flock together much less have a tremendous success in reaching others during this covid crisis.

Sadly, through no fault of their own, many of our missionaries, and churches are suffering from decreases in attendance and offerings, translating into a tremendous strain on the work and God's men personally. Mission work, being setup somewhat on a time schedule, and then taking away two years of effective ministry is nearly if not totally devastating. An example of this is Connection Point. They were in a much stronger position to organize in January 2020.

Thankfully our men, their families, and our churches have remained dedicated through these worst of times.

Your love for lost souls, as seen through your faithful giving, has put us in a position to send multiple missionaries when the personnel become available. That's why I want to take this time to thank you for your faithfulness to this vital ministry. Through your love for the lost, we continue to carry out the great commission in our Judea of the world.

Over the last two years we have designated our annual Special Emphasis to help our missionaries acquire much needed equipment and materials such as chairs, tables, sound equipment, tv's, copiers, computers, signs, and the list goes on. Again, this year like last, you have stepped up and have not only made much needed items available but have shown your love for them as individuals.

Staying on a positive note, the building that was left empty after Grace in Green Forest discontinued has been sold for just a little over what was owed on it. The equipment and miscellaneous supplies were divided between the other missionaries and the sale proceeds were placed back into the Revolving Loan Fund.

I want to recognize and personally thank our Revolving Loan and Advisory Committees for adopting what our missionaries have called "ministry saving adjustments" during this covid ordeal.

Because some have and others are about to organize, I want to encourage every association, local church, and each member to make it a priority to pray that God will raise up men among us to fill the gap in Mission work. Put it in your bulletin, even mention it during prayer request. May Sunday School teachers and auxiliaries lead their people to earnestly pray for God to raise up men to do the work of Missions right here where we live. Because one-by-one State Missions is making a difference.

To God be the Glory.

Paul White

Brother Paul was unable to attend this meeting but wanted me to relay to you his appreciation for the privilege to work in and with our missionaries and churches.