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We have been encouraged by what God has done this month. We have been able to see continued growth in the relationship with people at church. We have also seen God continue to work in the lives of the members of Ogallala Baptist Church.

This month Asher started to participate in soap box racing. The way the activity is structured encourages family involvement and seems to be something he enjoys. One surprising aspect of this activity is that Amanda (a faithful guest to our morning services) and her brother, Cody, are heavily involved in soap box racing. While they are not directly involved, Poppy and Cindy are often at the races so that they can be with their children and grandchildren. We look forward to our relationship with them continuing to grow, especially given this extra opportunity to see them. Poppy has expressed his desire to see his son, Cody, attend church. He shared with me that church was something they enjoyed together years ago, and he would like to have that back. Pray that we can use this activity to successfully reach out to Cody.

I had the opportunity to have coffee with Bob, Ric and Dawn's roommate. I have been able to have coffee with Bob on several occasions. Each time, learning more about him and his life, and each time trying to bring the conversation to a point of sharing some portion of the Gospel. Bob is not one to open up easily, and while he has shared some things about his life, a testimony of salvation has not been one of them. This time, I set out to specifically go through the plan of salvation with Him. After some small talk, I started by asking him if he knew if he would go to heaven if he died. He said he did not. So I took the opportunity to take him through the marked verses of a 'John and Romans' book. After explaining the verses to him, I asked him if he would like to receive Jesus as his Saviour. He confidently told me that he had done that, and was able to name the place and people that dealt with him (another church in town; 3 years ago). I then covered verses relating to assurance of salvation. Once we were done, I again asked where he would go if he died today. This time he confidently said, "Heaven." While none of us can know the heart of another, based on what Bob shared with me, I believe he is saved and never had the matter of assurance explained to him. At the next opportunity, I plan to address the matter of baptism with Bob.

Our Resurrection Day service was well attended. We had our faithful attendees, as well as my parents (who have nearly finished their move to our area). After the morning service, we enjoyed a potluck fellowship at our home. As always, it is wonderful to hear people get to know one another. It is encouraging to be able to sit back and listen to the conversations and laughter. My wife and I have no issue starting and carrying conversation; but seeing the conversations flow naturally as friendships are developed is truly a blessing.

Prayer Requests

- Outreach to Cody Garcia
- Bob taking the next step of obedience - baptism
- Wisdom in counseling and Bible studies

Regards,

