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Space will not permit me to share all the blessings we enjoyed this month, but here are a few that have been particularly encouraging to us this month!

We started scheduling a regular time for our men to meet. Every 1st Monday of the month, we plan to meet at a local coffee shop for fellowship. The first meeting had just one other man attend; however, the conversation was great. Lord willing, we will have more men join us as we continue to meet in the months ahead.

I am excited to share that I was able to baptize my parents as members of Ogallala Baptist Church. We enjoy having our baptisms at Lake McConaughy; however, with the cool fall temperatures, we took the opportunity to baptize at a local hotel. It was a great time of rejoicing as we saw people unite with us. Our new members, Peter and Sherry Castellanos, have been attending for several months. There has been noticeable growth in both of their lives. They both have a decent knowledge base of the Bible and have a desire to know more and to serve. Sherry is looking forward to singing specials and I have asked Peter to read a passage of Scripture and pray to begin our Sunday morning services. We look forward to how these two will grow.

We are also encouraged by the fact that there are still others that attend regularly that are prospects for baptism. One young man, Charles, was saved about 5 years ago and has a tremendous hunger for the Word and a desire to do things in obedience to Scripture. Joe Peters, a man that attends on Wednesday night, has said he wants to join Ogallala Baptist Church. He and his wife still attend a local Methodist assembly; we are working with him and praying that he commits to the place where God wants him to faithfully attend. Lastly, Poppy and Cindy, a couple that have been faithfully attending our Sunday Morning services since the beginning of the year. We recently had them over to our home for dinner. During that time, the topic of church membership came up. We shared briefly what makes one a member of a New Testament Church and made the open invitation to go through our short study on fundamental Bible truths. We are praying that God works in the hearts of all these people as they continue to attend.

This year we did something different with our Wednesday Night service just before Thanksgiving. We had a combined service and had a time of singing and testifying of God's goodness through the year. It was a great blessing to hear many emotional testimonies of God's leadership, God's healing, God's speaking through His Word, and more! I was unsure how the service would go, if people would be willing to open up in such a public setting; but after 90 minutes, nearly everyone had shared at least one thing God did this past year and the unanimous response was positive.

Prayer Requests

- Growth in the lives of our members and God's working in the lives of those that attend.
- Wisdom and provision throughout the building project.

Regards,

