



Brother Ted & Ms. Jodi



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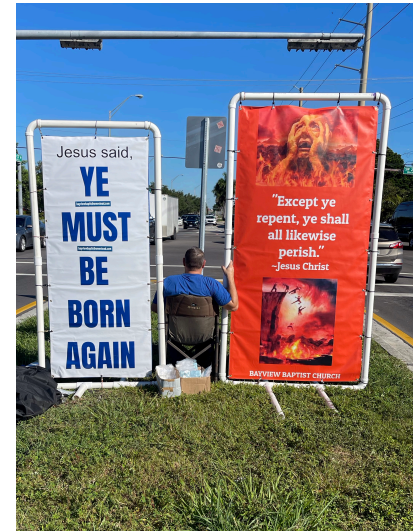
Greetings, prayer and support Partners!



The last few months for us have been busy in many ways. I had the privilege of taking a quick trip to Pennsylvania in early October to visit my 88-year old mother at the nursing facility. I flew in late on a Monday, spent quality time with my mother on Tuesday and early Wednesday, and flew back home on Wednesday evening. I had the chance to see my brother and nephew and their families for a bit while there. God even afforded me a few hours to go see my dad's grave. While we used to see mom regularly in itinerant evangelism, church planting in South Florida has

made it to where we must schedule purposefully in order to see her. I'm thankful for being able to do so.

I am extremely grateful for the blessing I have to train young men for the ministry. Timothy, Zach, Luke, and Blake are all training. We are doing classes weekly. Currently we are studying theological systems and the bride of Christ. The "On the Job Training" aspect of their training is vital to the process. All of the guys are expected to learn to song-lead, teach adult Sunday School, preach, and many other practicalities. Recently we also had a few training sessions focused on street ministries. We use large Gospel banners in conjunction with our John and Romans, tract, and invitation distribution. The pictures provide a glimpse of the fun the guys all had learning to install grommets and build banner frames. This even included a shopping trip to Lowes for parts, banner design and even ordering them.



I am a firm believer in Psalms 119:130: "The entrance of thy words giveth light it giveth understanding unto the simple." Hopefully this is something that the men will be able to use down the road in their ministries. In the last few months we have seen several visitors.

Please pray for Ethyl, Patricia, and Julio and his wife Carolina. These all profess Christ as Saviour. Julio's children Elias and Zoey are definitely in need of salvation. There has also been a man named Elias (common name here) that has been in services every Sunday morning for seven weeks. He normally bolts out the door after services. He is from a rougher "hood" near Florida City, and he is surprised we let him come. He initially came and asked for a Bible. We showed him acceptance and love, and he keeps coming. This week I was finally able to buy him a meal and go through the Gospel with him for a couple of hours. He said Jesus told him to come to our church and follow me. I've heard a lot of crazy things people have proclaimed that Jesus said, but I actually think he's not far off here. God is definitely drawing him, and out of ten "churches" (none Gospel preaching) in our area, he felt strongly about coming to ours. He didn't get saved, but I don't think he's far from the kingdom. Please pray for Elias.

It was a blessing to have Brother Kirk Gopie join our church a few weeks ago. His wife Rosemarie, and son Blake had already become members. The brother, Darius, has been attending also. They previously were members of a "Ruckman" church (Hyper-dispensational, pre-Adamic race, racism, double inspiration, etc.). They came over about a year ago, and with dad's approval, they became members. It was a very unusual and uncomfortable situation to have the family attending here and dad over there. We prayed, and God opened his eyes through a book I initially shared with Blake on the errors of Ruckmanism (works salvation, further revelation in the King James, etc.). Brother Gopie is an optometrist and has been faithful. We are happy to have added him to our church. We are also happy he agreed 100% with our extensive doctrinal statement and church covenant.

We had a good attendance for our pie and praise service recently. The King family from Wisconsin also came for a visit, and the Sunday after pie and praise we had 34 in church! We were crammed. It was a special day as we had Pastor Joe Baxter come and share three messages with our church concerning the dangers of the Internet. He has a lengthy history of professional expertise in this field. Our church greatly benefited from his ministry.



We had 24 last week. Please pray for our continued growth as we push through and head towards the new year.

Please pray for our finances as well. If I had the time I would do a bit more deputation, but that is not feasible at this point in time. I know that if we pray and trust Him, God will make up the difference.

I cannot express how grateful we truly are for you partnering with us in prayer and financial support to see this mission through. Thanks also for your patience with us as we labor to firmly plant this work here!

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Ted Alexander & Family