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Hello, Praying Friends.

We are writing today from an interesting place in our mission. As a church we are holding our own, but we long to see more fruit from our evangelistic efforts. We have always, from the time we landed in South Florida, exerted evangelistic energies into a variety of different outreach methods. We have saturated the homes in the region through canvassing, attempting to reach a quarter of a million souls. We have knocked doors consistently since day one. We have consistently done a public Gospel literature distribution ministry utilizing large banners and hundreds of thousands of tracts and Scripture portions. We invested $7,500 into 20,000 sharp-looking direct mailers. We have done parking lot ministries countless times where we approach people and invite them to church, give them literature, and attempt to engage them with the need of their souls. We have done special evangelistic youth meetings and gone out to round up kids to attend. We are thankful for the fruit we have seen as we seek to fully obey Christ's command to GO! But we long to see more! We are begging God to let us reap! This is much more than doing what we are supposed to do. This is much bigger than being ethical and securing you a return on your financial and prayer investment in this endeavor. This is about souls slipping quickly into an eternity of suffering without God! This is about the souls of men and the glory of God! As we enter the fall with these things in mind, we have decided to throw a few more hooks into the water. In Luke chapter 5 Jesus told His disciples, "Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men." These additional hooks are as follows: first, we are doing a Fall Family and Friends Day on October 11. For this, we are utilizing a digital tract ministry for the first time. This focuses on Facebook hosted interactive ads. It is about the only ethical outreach method that we have not yet tapped into. We have found it hard to get people to answer their doors. Oh! and the 20,000 direct door mailers produced zero fruit, showing us that people today often throw away mail they don't recognize. The efforts we are going to out into the ads bypasses the front doors and meets people where they live…Facebook. In addition to this effort to have a successful special day, we will utilize the same outreach method for our Fall Revival on October 24-27. Please pray with us as we continue to do all we can to remain faithful to our outreach effort while adding this newer method of outreach.

In other news; Institute is progressing with Brother Timothy McCrory. He is learning, growing, and pressing toward a future ordination, while he currently fills the role of my pastoral assistant. The McCrorys are expecting their first child in May. We could not be more happy for them.

The McCrorys will be teaching a young people's Sunday School class starting in a few weeks. Please pray for this.

We were able to send some youth and adults to participate in a youth meeting at First Baptist Church of SW Broward, pastored by Tom Odom. This was a first for our church, and it was a blessing. Our people had never been to anything at another church and didn't know what to expect. The McCrorys chaperoned the trip. To God be the glory.

Kennisha, if you remember, came from the streets. She got gloriously saved at our kitchen table more than a year ago. She just completed all 26 lessons in the ABCs of Christian Growth. In doing so, she earned herself a new King James Study Bible. We are very proud of her.

(Clockwise)
***Family Vacation**
***Youth Conf.**
***Shonda, Luke, & Luke's nephew Otto**
***Kennisha**
***Visit w/Mom**

In family news; My wife and I are glad to be back from our three-week *sabbatical / 30th anniversary / biennial family vacation*. This was our first ever sabbatical. We visited my 90-year old mother in Pennsylvania. We had a wonderful and refreshing time away. The church people did a great job covering everything, and we returned both enriched and refreshed.

Our 20-year old son Luke, the last child in the nest, is doing well. He is pressing towards having two years into his plumbing apprenticeship. He also entered a courtship with Shonda King of Oconto, WI. He is still our song leader, and a great help in the ministry.

Prayer Requests: In addition to what we mentioned, please pray for some of our people who are backsliding. Please pray for our finances, as our tithes have substantially decreased. Finally, please pray for God to open the doors for us to get a building. Everything we have seen costs a minimum of a million dollars. At times I can't see how we will ever get our own place, but there is a God in Heaven that can move the heart of a property owner, real estate agent, or His people to be the answer to this pressing need. THANKS!

In Christ's Great Love,
The Alexanders