

THE SANFORD'S MISSION REPORT FOR MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2008

Paul expressed his thanks to God when he saw the spiritual growth of the church at Thessalonica. "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;" (2 Thessalonians 1:3). We too give thanks to God for the spiritual growth that we see in the members of the work here. There is growth in their personal lives and in their Biblical understanding. It is a blessing to see them learning to apply scripture in areas they had not understood before. There have been many uplifting statements made by members of the mission as of late; statements that show their growth. Without doubt God will of these few build a church to His glory. "A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I the LORD will hasten it in his time," (Isaiah 60:22). There have been a number of other things that have lifted our spirits as well. Let me tell you about a few of these.

We were blessed to take four twelve and thirteen-year-old girls to youth camp this year. It was a joy to be in a camp where God was saving souls and blessing lives. This is a camp where people work together in a spirit that is of Christ; it is a blessing to attend such a camp. Thanks goes to Country View Baptist Church of Ulysses, Kansas and Pastor Sam Bynum for sponsoring this great camp.

We were blessed to receive encouraging cards from the C.L.A.M.S. class of Corinth Baptist Church of Dry Prong, Louisiana where Bro. Steve Montgomery is pastor. This is a children's class learning about mission work from the Bible and from missionaries taught by Mrs. Paula Bryan. The C.L.A.M.S. are Children Learning About Mission Service. Sounds to me like a good class for all ages. Thanks You C.L.A.M.S.

We were blessed to have Marie and her two young daughters to visit one Sunday Morning. We expect to see them again. Pray for them and those whom we have requested pray for before. We enjoyed a Sunday Evening visit from Calvin, Kristina, and children from our sponsoring church. Cliff a regular attendee in services had a second stroke in July and continues to need prayer for his health and for his spiritual condition.

We were blessed to have an increase in support from the Clear Lake Baptist Church of Louisiana, Pastor Leonard Garlington. Thank you. We were also blessed to have a new supporting church Heritage Baptist Church of Pueblo, Colorado, Pastor Chuck Bigler. Thank you. A big thanks to all who have helped with offerings or prayers for this work. Thank you.

We were blessed on May 29th. to celebrate our forty-third wedding anniversary. It has been a great blessing to me to have the same lovely, wonderful woman beside me all these years. That is one of God's really big blessings.

We are blessed to have located a piece of property that appears to be an ideal location for a church building. Its cost is almost four times more than what we have saved thus far; but we continue to save and to pray for God to open the way. Please pray with us.

Heel spurs and other foot problems have put a stop to my secular job; but will allow me more time to do mission work. God knows and we trust He will provide as always. Pray for us, as we pray for you. May God bless each of you richly.

In the Love of Jesus Christ, Douglas C. Sanford



THANK YOU!