



## HOMEMISSION REPORT - APRIL 2020

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### MESSAGE FROM JOHN AND SUSIE ORR

#### **Dear loved ones in the Lord,**

What a mess! I know you are all struggling in some way with this virus lockdown. We hope and pray everyone recovers soon: physically, spiritually, and emotionally. There may not be too many hugs or handshakes for a while. And it will be difficult singing with a mask?????

Susie and I will be locked in through July, but for other reasons. We were in an auto accident a couple of weeks ago. Susie had two hand surgeries and I will be having surgery for my rotator cuff and therapy on my back as a result of the accident. But the good news - we can get a lot of things caught up that we've been behind on. We are also working through additional volunteers to build a better communication system at Faith Village. We still plan to get to all the churches that requested help, including the new ones this year. Some of our other evangelists are taking on more responsibility, so we can get them all covered and help them to turn things around in order to grow this year.

In these difficult times, small churches are learning new ways to reach out to others. It has been reported that the church in Fort Dodge, Iowa has had two baptisms even in the lockdown. The Castleton Vermont church has had one. New prospects are coming from internet preaching and we are hearing that everyone is hanging on and looking forward to coming out of this in reasonable shape. Many have lost their momentum, but we'll help as much as we can. We are starting to get more help in other parts of the country.

Even though we are in lockdown, I still try to go into the office every day to work on workshop materials and make phone calls to encourage the brethren. Susie is keeping the *HomeMission* Facebook going, even with a broken finger and wrist on her right hand. As soon as the ban is lifted (Surgery permitting) we will be going back to Lubbock to create more training videos for our evangelists and for churches. We can't thank all of you enough for your prayers, support, work and encouragement through this difficult time. Special thanks to all the churches and individuals who have continued to support this critical work at an even more critical time.

For those churches large and small that will need help in raising their contribution, we have some assistance we can offer for a weekend workshop called "Higher Ground Giving". It will also be on video eventually. However, video doesn't work near as well as a personal presentation. We hope to update you with exciting news next month. Jack Cummings is working hard to get the *HomeMission School of Evangelism* started by August 2021 at West Freeway Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Please pray for this effort and for all of our evangelists and workers as we strive to glorify the Lord and become better servants to be used in His Church. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Love, John and Susie Orr