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Dear loved ones in the Lord,

We hope that you have been able to open for worship by now. We are sure you are anxious to begin meeting together soon. This has been a frustrating time for us at *HomeMission*, and we know for you as well. But this has also been a time of great reflection, planning, organizing, writing, and communicating. We have heard from some of the churches we work with. Many are anxious to start again. And some have, with about half their normal attendance. Contributions have been down, though, and some are barely hanging on. But all of them are determined to work harder to bring everyone back. We thank the Lord for their determination and faith. One congregation in the northeast is down to four members, but they said they'll make it till we can get there and begin working with them. One of our evangelists should be there in late July. We have exciting news from others. In Floral City, Florida, God has blessed a congregation with one baptism and three more Bible studies. Another soul has been added to the Lord in Fort Dodge, Iowa. The Westside church of Christ has seen several additions by the Lord since we held the evangelism workshop there last fall. All glory to God.

We are working on several enhanced approaches to church growth. As you may recall, Brother Jack Cummings will be starting the *HomeMission School of Evangelism* in August of 2021. This will be for members within driving distance. These classes will be videoed for use by other churches around the country. Then, in 2022, the full-time school will begin for college graduates, school of preaching graduates, and anyone wishing to attend this one-year training and equipping school. The importance of this can't be minimized. We have to start training preachers to be evangelists, and equip the congregation for the work of ministry.

In order to supplement this school, and for those unable to go full time, we will be offering a one week intensive training camp in October of 2021. This will be for current preachers, elders, deacons, and men and women who not only want to learn to successfully evangelize, but go back home and equip their congregation to do the same.

As we travel around the country and work with congregations of all sizes, we see the greatest need is to get the Great Commission into the lives of every member. I know you share the same dream. We will update you with each event. Please consider these offerings in the future. Thank you all so much for your continued support, prayers, and love during these difficult times.

May the Lord bless and keep you

Love,

John and Susie Orr