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Dear loved ones in the Lord,

Well, here we go again with more Covid cases in Texas (and other parts of the country). Trouble in the streets ravages our larger cities. Unrest, worry, anxiety, and tragedy cloud our country at this time. If you like bad news, you have much to feast upon.

BUT, there is great news! For the rest of us, we trust in the Lord. Paul said, "Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." (Rom 14:8). Most people do not have this assurance – whatever the future holds, we know Who holds the future.

Calls have been made and requested materials and emails sent to brethren all over the country, as congregations open up, and so far, God's people are holding firm. There is great optimism. Even though attendance is down, hope is up in most cases. Plans are being made to pair larger congregations with smaller congregations for support.

I am also continuing to work daily on editing current and writing new **HomeMission** materials. This interval of "down" time has been well-utilized for this and other needed organizational duties. Also, recruitment for future additional evangelists is underway. Ron Moore is going to focus on this important and necessary aspect of our work. This has been one of the most difficult needs to fill. Many churches cannot afford full-time preachers, so our evangelists will be busy training men to preach and all members to evangelize. Roger Shepherd of Amridge University has been a great help with training men to preach, without uprooting them from their congregation. More men already living in the northern states of the US need to be trained at home, so they can stay in this area of the country, where they are so desperately needed.

Susie and I will be going to physical therapy for the next two months or so, perhaps longer. Nevertheless, we are planning to go to Tennessee in September and Houston in October, Lord willing. At the same time, several of our evangelists are planning on working with congregations in Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Iowa, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois, North Carolina, California, Nevada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, and Florida starting in July, if possible. I appreciate Jack Cummings, Michael Green, Danny Aragon, Steve Orduno, Tom Bedichek, Bill Clark and Jim Lucas for taking up the slack and then some.

As mentioned last month, we are planning the first "Great Commission Training Camp" for next year, October 10-16, 2021. This will be an intensive, one-week evangelism training experience and we pray that many will make plans now to attend. It will be held at beautiful Camp Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp, near Madill, Oklahoma. We are welcoming preachers, elders, and men and women members of the Church to come and learn more about sharing the Gospel of Christ with others. More information will be shared as we hone the details.

Thank you for your prayers, support, love, and concern for the Lord's Church in our own backyard. May the Lord bless and keep you always.

John and Susie Orr

News

Anyone (or an acquaintance of one who receives this newsletter) who lives in the Grand Junction TN area and needs a church home, please contact GrandjunctionTNCoc@gmail.com or call 731-472-0432. Assistance with some door-knocking in the community would be welcome.

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