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Surrender to the LORD from Josh 1: 1-9 he became burdened that he had not completely “surrendered” his life to the LORD and “surrender,” his call to preach the Gospel. Pastor Todd said that sermon, along with other things the last 2 months got him focused on what God wanted him to do with his life. Praise God for the preached Word of God! I finished revival there on Saturday May 19, and left Sunday morning May 20th for North East, Maryland, and Mercy Baptist Church to start revival that Sunday night. This revival brought challenges for growth, evangelism, and a spirit of unity among one another. It was a positive revival, with people being encouraged for the LORD. Pastor Mike Worth and the church there covets your prayers, along with these other churches to become beacons of light in the last days we are living in. I was home Memorial Day weekend for some much needed rest, and time with family. 12 days straight of preaching and singing, and all the traveling in between was a bit tough, but was a great honor to do it for the one who saved me, and set me FREE! JESUS!!!!!!

JUNE

One week later we were back on the road on our way to Atlanta, Ga. for the GPA National Campmeeting. Every year our mission agency puts this campmeeting together as an encouragement for the missionaries that are with the GPA. It is held at the Galilean Baptist Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia. We take care of some of the music during the conference, along with others who help in the cooperative choir that is put together by missionaries, and other people in ministry, and also lay members who like to sing. Amelia Petty whips us in to shape 1 hour before the service, and by 7 pm we have a choir that most pastors would love to have in their churches. It is a blessing to all who participates.

It helps to set the tone for worship before the preaching. If you would like to come next year, please call or email me, and I will give you details about the meeting. I got back on Friday night the 8th, and on Saturday and Sunday participated with our home church Welcome Hill Baptist Church in raising money for our Missionaries Darren & JoAnn Rogers from Wales. Every year this couple and their children help us with our VBS. They sacrifice their time, and efforts to come all the way to America to help one of their supporting churches. We did a car wash on Saturday, and on Sunday afternoon our family along with our home church family went to a local restaurant that allowed us to set up our equipment outside, and sing, and serve tables to the people eating there. The restaurant gave us 10% of the total sales from 12:30 pm-6:30 pm that night. Between the 2 days we raised over \$1000.00 for our missionaries to come to the States. I had a great chance on Sunday afternoon to witness to a guy about Jesus in the drive thru of the restaurant as well! Isn't GOD Awesome?

On Monday the 11th we started our home church revival with Pastor Billy Seats from North Carolina. We were able to be there 4 nights, because on Friday June 15th our family had to be in Overpeck, Ohio near Cincinnati to sing at the dedication service for the new building for Calvary Baptist Church, and Pastor Mike Carmody. The new building is great, and a testimony of God's goodness!

After coming home on Saturday I had the chance to preach 2 services for 2 local pastors in the area, and then rested as much as I could. There wasn't much rest to be had, as you will see at the end of the letter, and our sickness report.

The month of June ended with doing a weekend revival for the Harvest Baptist Church in Lake Station, Indiana, Pastor Billy Pasley. The revival again was awesome. Pastor Pasley told me that he needed all 3 sermons. He felt like if no one got anything, that he did. If he got help, to carry on the work for God, then my call to preach the Gospel, was worth it. Praise God!

JULY

As July rolled in we had to cancel our trip to Pennsylvania due to some sickness in our family, which I will explain at the end of the letter.

I did manage to be at a new church in Atlanta. Calvary Baptist, and Pastor Danny Fesperman. I preached 2 services for him on Sunday, and had a wonderful time in the LORD! I was booked that up coming week with Dr. Larry Pearson in Anderson, S.C. July 16-20 Temple Baptist Church. But if brother Danny would have had his way he would have kept us there for a week's revival he said. The LORD really gave us a time of encouragement there. We presented our mission work to the church, and they are praying about supporting this ministry. Please pray for this church, and Pastor. The meeting at Temple Baptist in Anderson went very well. Not only did we help out in the conference but this was the 2nd year in a row that we helped with the teen rally. We handled the music only this year, while the youth pastors from Trinity Baptist in Ashville, N.C. and the youth pastor from Victory Baptist in North Augusta, S.C. did the preaching. The alters were packed with young people both nights, and some decisions were made to follow the LORD! Great stuff! We got home on Friday July 20th, and had tragedy strike our family. **My father-in-law, Jane's Dad Jack Mullins went home to be with the LORD on July 19, 2007. We had his funeral July 23-24. I will give more details about this in the sickness update.**

On July 25th one day after the funeral our church was in the middle of having VBS. The Rogers were staying with us from Wales, working in the VBS. We are always HEAVILY INVOLVED with our home churches VBS. I was torn about what to do that week, but my wife Jane was adamant about us doing that VBS after the funeral. She knew her Dad supported us in all that we did, and he certainly was proud of Jane, and his granddaughters for the support that they give me week in, and week out! So we did the VBS at Jane's wishes. It paid off dividends in Heaven, because one young lady was saved on Thursday night of VBS! VBS ended on July 27, and the Chicagoland GPA campmeeting started at Highland Baptist Church July 30-August 2, 2007. The meeting is always a great help to us here in this area. It always pulls together 6 to 8 churches in fellowship, and the preaching again was awesome, and singing, and combined choir was great. It was a thrill for me to get to preach on Thursday morning to some of my peers in the ministry. God really helped us and helped my family. Jane's parents once attended this church, and it was great support for our family to be close to people who loved our family. The LORD knows what you need, when you need it.

AUGUST

So far for this month, we ended the GPA meeting at Highland Baptist, and done something very exciting August 6-11. As you may remember in recent years Pastor Clemon Chappell and I have held the Chicagoland Open Air preaching meeting for the last 3 years on the Westside of Chicago. **The 1st year 8 were saved, the 2nd year 16 were saved, and last year 28 were saved.** We have had churches around the country help us, and give us some operating money to help pay the expenses of the meeting. It has been a real blessing, and has given Brother Clemon and I, a real desire for street evangelism here in the Chicagoland area. There are over 11 Million people who live in Chicago, and the suburbs, and Northwest Indiana. Unfortunately we did not get to do the meeting this year in that same spot because the city took over the lot, and built new buildings on the property. But where God Guides—God Provides! And where God Leads—God Succeeds!!!

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