



Heritage Baptist Church

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Dear Friends, Prayer Partners, and Financial Supporters,

We hope that you all are doing well. Thank you for your faithful prayers for us, as we work to restart the work in Woodsboro. God continues to work and bless daily and we praise Him for it all!

The last letter mentioned us partnering with Ambassador Baptist Church, a sister church in Frederick. This partnership is going very well. Pastor Fry, Sarah, and I continue to work in the prison system by teaching individuals through one-on-one discipleship. We use the same curriculum for our church families too and those that use it are growing in Christ. All in all, we are teaching around a dozen individuals for one to three hours apiece on a weekly basis. It is exhausting sometimes and takes a lot of energy, but is ultimately worth the investment.

Between now and when we last wrote, we were in correspondence with a young man that was thinking of coming to stay with us, as an intern/assistant. At the end of July, Mark (now a Bible-college graduate) came back from the Northeast Vision Summit, in New Jersey, with us to help us restart this church! He wants to start a church in New Jersey one day and is willing to be an unpaid assistant, while gaining the experience of the ministry. We are thankful that God has given him both a job and car within the first few weeks of his stay with us!

We are continually praying for support for our aftercare, recovery program and our fledgling church. We do lose some support in November that we do need, so your prayers are appreciated. We know that God will supply and appreciate the continued support of the churches that are helping us.

Please continue to pray for us, as we seek to reach our community with the Gospel message and doctrine of Jesus Christ. This year, we are reaching out to areas that we have never been to before, but are still a part of our local area. Already, we have reached the communities of Libertytown and Union Bridge with the Gospel. We also continue to minister in a local nursing home every month and are discipling those of the church family that desire to learn about Christ.

Thank you for praying for James. In June, he was able to complete our discipleship curriculum, so all six units are now in print! It is a blessing to be able to give a workbook to someone, instead of sheets of paper. As he is able, he will continue to develop more curriculum and work on more Bible study workbooks. We continue to pray that a publisher will pick these books up, so that they can be a help to more people. For more information on these books, look for the Continuing in God's Word Series and Delighting in God's Word Series on Amazon.com and Facebook. James also teaches up to four individuals per day in the jail and needs prayers for strength and wisdom, in addition to laborers for the harvest.

Thank you for praying for Sarah. We just started school back up, which makes things a bit busier around here. She is also busy working with three ladies in discipleship and is going to the jail to teach one of them weekly. Praise the Lord for the open door to minister to ladies in the jail!

Thank you too for praying for the kids. Phoebe just turned eleven and is starting the sixth grade. Jimmy is turning nine soon, and then Andrea will be eight. It is a blessing to have children that love the Lord, each other, and good, Bible preaching! They are a great blessing and help to us.

Please pray for Mark also. He is still getting adjusted to living with us and living in this area. We are hoping to get a teen ministry started in the spring, as well as ramping up our visitation efforts. All of these things take time and planning. Please pray that God will lead perfectly and bless our efforts.

Again, please pray for us, as we seek support and direction with this work that God's will be done and that He would get the glory for it all. He has provided for us this far, and we believe that He will continue to: all the way until this work finally becomes established, and beyond! Thank you for your encouragement, friendship, and help.

Your Servants in Christ,

James and Sarah Bussard (Phoebe, Jimmy, and Andrea)

Proverbs 3:5-6

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