



# A Great Place To Grow in Christ

## For the Entire Family

<b>September 15, 2019</b>	
<b>This Weeks Events</b>	
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Sunday School</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Message—Words of Eternal Life</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i> —Pastor	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
<b>Aug 4, 2019</b> 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale	



Buenos Días Queridos Hermanos, (Good Day, my Dear Brethren,)

Praise the Lord the summer is almost over! Haha, I know that is not what the majority of Americans want, but in tropical environments where you never stop sweating it's a different story. BUT, we continue to push on while waiting for the return of the Lord.

The last letter left off with us doing our VBS along with a church from TX that came down. It was a great week with lots of work, and a huge thanks to Primera Iglesia Bautista for everything they did for our church. There were a couple handfuls of kids who professed to receive Christ during the week, praise the Lord, along with some adults desiring growth during some personal in home bible studies we had during the week.

The work in Lo de Marcos is going well. The problem that we've ran into for this whole last year is overcoming shame. I mean the people who have desire to come but don't because of shame with their family and friends for going to a non-Catholic church. The same with kids; the parents won't let them come to our church unless there are free things being handed out. The community knows us pretty well, and appreciate the things we're doing but there is still a wall of resistance.

The church and those members we have are doing well though. It is really

## Following Men



Ron Coale

By Ron Coale

Acts 14:8-15... 8And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, 10Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. 11And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. 13Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. 14Which when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, 15And saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:

Paul saw that the young cripple man had faith enough in Jesus Christ to be healed. Paul told him to stand up, but he did more than that. He began leaping and walking. When the people "saw what Paul had done" they began

to worship Paul as if he was a god. They believed it was Paul who healed this cripple. Of course, Paul set them straight, but this never would have happened if the people were looking at God and not Paul.

Paul was certainly used in a great way by God to instruct us how to live a Christian life. He is our example and we are to follow him as he follows Christ. In other words, just like he follows Christ, we are to follow Christ the same way.

Apparently, it is not a modern-day dilemma for men to follow the preacher instead of HE who has preached about. This problem begins all the way back to the beginning of the church. And it is not gone today. It's still plagues the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in the times which we live.

People are often accused of following a man. Christians even defend this by saying that Paul was our example. They are right concerning this Paul is our example. But he is not the example that people refer to today when they say that you are following a man. They're referring to some other man. They're not referring to Paul. And this can be a big problem. Paul was anointed by the holy spirit of God and commanded and God's word that we should follow him. The situation

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THE **MOOBERRY** FAMILY  
MISSIONARIES TO **BRAZIL**



Dear Praying Brethren, August/September 2019

A wise man once said, "if a preacher never makes any friends or enemies, something is wrong with his preaching." Recently, we did some open---air preaching with a church in North Carolina. Being accustomed to criticism, to our surprise, everyone in town seemed glad to see us, giving us a thumbs up. It must be that we are are back in the "Bible Belt" now. A few weeks prior, the same church had seen two or three souls saved out on the street corner.

We are thankful for the good number of churches which have had us in for meetings lately. God has blessed us with excellent meetings in New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Alabama. For us, it's been a great summer, full of meetings. Thanks to your prayers, our support level continues to increase and all of the churches have been very hospitable to us, without exception.

As far as the Mooberry family is concerned, everything is going very well, except for a few very minor things. One of those is that Maggie has a tooth that has been giving her some trouble. Currently, she is in the midst of a root canal, the second half of which is being postponed, due to an infection. She is on antibiotics until the infection subsides. Hopefully, next week she will be able to have the root canal completed. God has performed many miracles, already, over the past few weeks. The doctor originally scheduled Maggie for a week out. So we prayed and an hour later the doctor called back saying he just had a cancellation and that she was free to come in the following day! We would appreciate your prayers regarding the remainder of her procedure and recovery.

Souls are on the brink of eternity all around us. Please pray for a young Mexican man I spoke with, named Leo. When he told me he was a Catholic, I asked him, "Are you a lost Catholic, or a saved Catholic?" His expression changed immediately. Apparently, he had never considered that possibility before. Afterward, the Lord allowed me to give Leo a complete presentation of the Gospel and plan of salvation. He listened attentively, but did not appear to be ready to be saved. Plowing the soil or planting the seed is just as important as reaping. We are glad to do either. I always try to leave a lost sinner certain of the fact that he is lost and on his way to hell without Christ. Also, I explain that he can trust Jesus Christ anytime of day, public or private. Please pray for Leo's lost soul to be saved. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Sincerely, in Jesus Christ,

Matthew, Maggie, Mark, Luke, Esther, and Ruth Mooberry



Pastor and praying friends, I know that I say this a lot, but these past couple of months have been busy! We were blessed to have Courier's for Christ come and help us get scriptures distributed around four different towns. I was amazed at how efficient this group is when setting out to do the task at hand. Twenty-one people from six different states, one Lithuanian pastor from Vilnius, Vaida and I set out to distribute as many John and Roman's, along with invitations to a gospel meeting to as many people possible. I have some experience in planning events, but this was way beyond anything I have ever done. Thankfully the Courier's staff was helping us with as much as they could do from their end, and gave me friendly reminders every so often to see how things were coming along on our end. There were quite a few stressful days, wondering if we were going to be able to get the needed Bibles, but what did I worry for, we serve a God that is bigger than any issue we could ever face! The container of John and Roman's arrived from the States, the funds for printing Bibles was raised, and every other detail was met by the Lord. We were able to get a John and Roman's into every home in Kuršėnai, Micaičiai (two small-ish towns), most of Kužiai (another small-ish town), and possibly a third of Šiauliai (population about 100,000), totaling over 40,000 John and Roman's! Out of the two gospel meetings, we had 90 visitors, 36 people marked they were saved (about half were saved prior to coming), and have had four visitors to Bible study as a result. Thanks for your prayers and support of the campaign!

Next big piece of news is Vaida gave birth to our first child, a beautiful baby girl! Ema Smith was born on July 23rd at 11:47pm, weighing 7.02lbs, and is 20.87" long. I felt bad for Vaida, because she never got to have a baby shower (they don't have them here), but so many people have still helped us get ready and provide for our new baby girl by mailing us things, sending us money, plus many people from the campaign brought things with them, and my mother in law flew in for a few weeks to help watch Ema while we get things done that were otherwise very difficult to do (including making us dinners). Not to mention all the video messages and calls friends and family answer that we continuously send asking about what every new parent stresses out over. Everyone has been a huge blessing to us! Momma and baby are healthy, but baby is colicky.

Thanks again for you prayers and support!!  
Good bye and God bless!!  
Chase and Vaida Smith

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we have in the church today is that people are following man other than Paul. Most likely because men have itching ears and they like to hear the message that somebody will preach that resonates with them. If it doesn't resonate with them then they accuse that man of not being used of God. And then they go and look for another man that will preach the message the way that they like to hear it. With the subjects that they like to hear. This can be dangerous.

In the example that God gives us in the Bible that we are looking at right here in the book of Acts chapter 14 it's easy to see how dangerous this can become. The people that heard pull and we're listening to him rather than God accused Paul of being a God himself. This would have been a sacrilegious thing to do. The elevated Paul to the position of godhood so that they would be able to control God and put their hands on him and make him handle or address the situations that they felt were important. Paul realize that. He's so recognized the danger of it that he and Barnabas both rent their clothes and ran in amongst the people crying out to them what is this that you do? He told them that they were men just like them in other words he was specific when he said we have the same kind of passions that you do and what we're preaching to you is the term from those passions and accept the Living God. Just so that they didn't confuse matters he ex-

plained that they should follow the Living God the creator of the Heaven and the earth and the Sea and all the things that are contained in those things. The one who in times past suffered people to do what it was that they wanted to do and who has now been intervening on their behalf so that they can walk in his ways. Yes, it's a very dangerous thing to follow a man.

As Christians we need to realize that no matter what our message is that we preach, people are going to see how it is that we live that message before them. In other words, they are looking at us to see how the message can be put into practice. And therefore, we have a problem with people following the opinions of other people rather than the opinions of the Bible. You can tell that the Bible has very little credence in comparison 2 people watching and witnessing the things that we do to see how true God is or is not. It is so much easier for them to watch us rather than it is for them to read the word of God. Have you ever come across a person who knows more about how to live the Christian life than the Christian does himself? Isn't it strange that most of these kinds of people never read the Bible themselves? Where then did they get these opinions? They got them by witnessing the lives of other people and coming to their own conclusion. Sometimes they can be right and just and sometimes a conclusion can be wrong as it is here with these people witnessing Paul and Barnabas. ~

# PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1040.	Pastor	Judy Carr's quick healing from back surgery.
1042.	Pastor	Michael, whom I witnessed to, mother would recover from stroke.
1043.	Pastor	2 Jehovah's Witness, whom I witnessed to would see the error of their "gospel" and get saved.
1044.	Pastor	God's will for his life.
1046.	Larry	Jane's traveling mercy to Seattle
1047.	Dee	Clear vision to make the game for kids on her heart.
1048.	Wally	Shirley healing and peace.
1053.	Melody	Grandson healing.

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awesome because they are learning the bible, retaining it, and APPLYING it to their lives. Recently they have been seeing the power of prayer and the Lord's hand in their lives. We have prayer meetings with our Wed. service, and there are true answered prayers in their lives because of the church praying... and it is a blessing to see their excitement and growth!! I am currently planning the churches first missions conference for this November as well. I am excited for the Lord to be able to use them in world missions. Please continue to pray for the Lord's direction for the church.

The Lord showed a great reason for our being here last week. We met a group of men my age while doing some work on our house, which we took the opportunity of a captive audience and witnessed. Two weeks later one of those men was at my house at 7:30 am asking to speak with me about how miserable his life is. After spending some time with him in the bible he decided he needed to take the first step to better his life and afterlife...he received Jesus Christ as his savior! After two weeks you can still see the difference in his life as he continues to read, pray, and shed old sins that needed to go. Who would tell him the gospel if we weren't here, and how could we be here without the whole body working together to get the gospel out. Amen!

We really appreciate all the prayers, love, and financial support from everyone. The love is known with all the cards and words of encouragement; along with all the birthday cards for our sons these last two months! Thank you for taking a special interest in our family as well as the ministry. Many prayers have been answered these last couple months as well.

One was our housing situation. We were suffering in our house with the heat because of the design and electricity problems, and prayers were answered mightily. We found a house that was barely done being constructed, designed very well for the heat, and less rent! The heat/humidity is extreme still, but the house has helped us to endure better... eventually maybe we can get AC. Also, thanks to BBBC Hillsboro, OR! They sponsored our oldest son to go to a bible camp in ID, and he also was given the opportunity to work and get a taste of real life outside of the mission field. We have a great debt of gratitude for everyone that helped with this and had patience with our son; but the Lord put great things on his heart for him to work on personally and start planning for the future.

To add to that, Sarah has finally been able to start walking on her foot again. It

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