

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

October and November 2019

We hope this letter finds you doing well in the Lord. Thank you for your prayers in the last couple months, for we have seen the Lord working through them. It is hard to believe that this year is drawing to a close and we will soon be starting another. We consider it a huge blessing and privilege to be able to labour with you and thank God for you. Even greater is the joy that we can labour together with the Lord. In (1 Corinthians 3:9a), Paul says, "For we are labourers together with God:..." We know that any results or work accomplished is owed to the fact the Lord does it, and not us. Earlier in verse 7, he says, "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God giveth the increase." We saw the Lord give the increase on one soul a few weeks ago in Delaware. Our travels lead us to Delaware where the first week of deputation took place in 2012. A good brother and friend from PBI named Brother Darr is living there, who I was able to street preach with, way back 7 years ago. Well, the Lord opened a door for us to street preach once more in the same city of Dover and sow God's word in the open air. Afterward, as we walled to get in the truck to head back home, Brother Darr saw an unsaved German lady named Elke. He had prayed that I would be able to talk to her a bit in German and seeing her, introduced me to her. Elke was brought up in Germany in a Catholic household, but after marrying an American Vietnam veteran ended up moving to the states. Elke, through a series of sad circumstances, is now living on the streets, having lost her house due to her husband becoming hospitalized from health complications linked to his time overseas, and she also just recently was diagnosed with lung cancer. On this first visit I was able to give her a short witness and as we were leaving we prayed that I would be able to run into her again and have more time to talk with her. Well, about five days later as I was about to study at the Public Library, I ran into her out front and started to speak with her again. I was able to draw her a picture called the cross illustration and wrote the verses down to help her understand the gospel. The Lord really opened her eyes to her need to be saved and she finally grasped the truth of being justified by faith alone in Jesus Christ. She received the Lord as her Saviour there in front of the library. Amen. It was the Lord who truly opened her eyes and gave the increase, because Brother Darr and many others have witnessed to her on different occasions and she just never was convicted and ready to be saved. God did the work. Please pray for Elke and that she would make the correct decisions and through the Lord's help get off the street. I tried my best to help her, making many phone calls and found that it is not so easy to help someone who is homeless.

On a couple other occasions Germanic people have crossed our paths. On one Sunday in New Jersey a saved German lady spoke with me between services, which was refreshing. Also, a couple days ago, as our meetings brought me up to the far North east of Nova Scotia, Canada, I went to a farmer's market where a brother brought his goods to sell. And he introduced me to an Austrian man named Hans. What is very amazing about this man is that he came from and lived exactly where we lived for two and a half years in Austria on the border of Switzerland in a city called Lustenau. He even knew the area so well, that he knew the street, where we had lived. It was a blessing to witness to him and sadly he said that after death, he will be buried and that's the end. I told him he has a soul and that it will either go to heaven or hell forever. Please pray for Hans that God would give the increase for his soul to be saved.

Our travels have had us lately in Delaware, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Maine, and Canada. We have seen the Lord's protection and help along the way. The family is doing well. Graziella was able to stay back from a few meetings with the kids in NYC with her parents and spend time with them. It is a great blessing to see my daughter Tirzah, who just turned six learning how to read from Grandma's help and also my son Luca, who turns three this Thursday, growing up as well. My wife and I are pretty healthy and we thank the Lord for is care. About a month ago, the Lord opened the door to have Lasik eye surgery in NYC and if you could pray for the recovery and for my eyes to become even sharper. Thank you for your prayers and support. "It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." (Lam. 3:22-23)

-In Christ Jesus, Brother Joel, Graziella, Tirzah, Luca

