

January-February 2020

Dear Saints,

Refreshing Visit

Our family was elated to welcome some dear friends into our home from Christmas through the New Year. Just as Paul was "oft refreshed" by Onesiphorus (II Tim. 1:16) and "the bowels of the saints" were refreshed (Philemon 7), we soaked in the refreshment of Dana and Lisa Reynolds and family. We much welcomed and enjoyed this treat in a dry and weary land! Our great God brought us a priceless Christmas present. And, he knew how much it was needed, to bolster us for the coming trials.

Church/Ministry

I'd like to say we enjoyed Dana getting to preach a bit to us. He and I were also invited to preach through a translator at Spiren, a small group of believers an hour away. It was well received and a tremendous blessing to us also!

Sadly, like every other NT local church, ours is already experiencing some internal contention which will inevitably dwindle our already small numbers. In spite of gently feeding the flock these 10 months, the matters at hand have had the opposite effect of refreshing! We covet your prayers against the Adversary that all would be resolved so the Bible Believer's Baptist Church may please Him in all things.

As a church, we have made a number of tracting/preaching outings to Ski and Oslo. I am happy to report our first response to over 6,000 stamped tracts getting into Norwegians hands. A man named Morten called after he was handed "Den Lange Reisen" (The Long Trip). He was very concerned about losing his family and friends and going to hell if he did not obey the gospel. Though he agreed we could meet over coffee to discuss salvation further, it hasn't worked out yet. Please pray!

Home and Family

Our children keep growing like weeds. In January Gabriel turned 10 and Ethan 15 (and acquired a bass voice)! They are great bold, helpful helpers whether in public ministry, church chores, or at home, faithfully moving firewood or helping Dad with man chores.

I have finally started a University course in Norwegian. This adds about 6-8 hours a week to the busyness. His grace is sufficient. I sincerely appreciate your prayers! Last week during some trials, Holly asked the Lord to hold me up. Though her reference was another subject, God answered her prayers two ways, as I was almost pulled off the roof at work. I should have fallen as the 100 lb. section of old roofing I was throwing down caught my coat. I fell at an angle, but I literally felt an angel push me back into balance! There is <u>no</u> other explanation except <u>God!</u>

The Grotkes Daniel, Holly, Susanna, Ethan, Molly, Gabriel & Else



So, it is no understatement that we sincerely appreciate your prayers, the birthday cards, extra Christmas gifts, and steady support! He holds us up through you. May our soon coming King of kings be eternally praised!

Love in Christ Jesus, Brother Daniel

PS Also please pray for Holly as she takes the Norwegian driving test this Friday!

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