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Door knocking in those
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"For we are labourers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9)



Whither We Goest, Thou Goest: By Your Prayers And Financial Support



Greetings from the rainy state of WA. The rain has hindered our door knocking, but I am plenty busy preparing lessons and sermons, etc. I want to tell of **a member with a beautiful hope** which all Christians have. **We first met J.M.** (I am not giving his name because that is not important) **in AZ in 2011.** He evidently was impressed with my preaching and our work. He learned we were going to South Dakota for the summer to preach full time and door knock. A few weeks after we began the work in SD, J.M. called and said he and his wife were driving over for Sunday morning services and asked for directions. The trip was over two hours and after morning services he and his wife took us out for lunch. We had a good, but short visit with them. Since then J.M. has sent several donations to help in the work. On Wednesday evening (9-18-13) I received an email from my sponsoring congregation in Greenfield, TN with J.M.'s note attached which is copied here.

Dear Perry, 8-22-2013 {reformatted for space}

I am sending a check to help your mission and am hoping and praying that it will help you spread the word and will bring some lost soul to Christ. I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer that has gone into the spine and chest cavity. I am on hospice with just a short time to live on this earth. I am looking forward to the next life, but am sad to leave my wonderful family. God bless your work and I hope to see you in the great beyond.

Your brother in Christ, J.M.

This short note says so much about the Christian life that I thought I should share it with you. I hope it is an encouragement to you as it is to us. It brings so many Scriptures to my mind concerning **that blessed hope** we have, but also of **the work that is at hand.** I also have had thoughts like unto his statement, "I am looking forward to the next life, but am sad to leave my wonderful family." I am sure you also have had such thoughts. Let us teach our families to serve God faithfully, so that they may be with us in that "great beyond."

Things are going well here; I am preaching Sunday a.m. and teaching Wednesday's class. I taught a class on door knocking on a Sunday p.m. and since then I have been teaching Sunday evenings. There is much need for basic teaching here as in most places we have been: as one lady said, "I asked my mother, who was a member of the church of Christ, 'Why ... [basic things]?' And she said she did not know." This is very sad and as I have said before, one reason we have lost so many of our young people.

Perhaps the greatest part of our work is the influence we have on others to door knock or simply invite others to services (which I believe we all should be doing that). Sandy got a message on Facebook concerning "... a door knock next Friday, and we are going! We are excited! Perry and you have inspired us so much!" Such things encourage us, but I know we influence others that we do not hear about because some we do hear about are quite by accident. I included this part of her message in this letter so you may hear of some good influence being done by our work, but mostly to encourage you (all members) to **invite** and bring people with you. **You will influence others to do the same.**

Speaking appointment: Brethren, if the church there would like for me to give a personal update on our work we possibly could do so in January 2014. Please understand that I am not asking to do so, but I am making the offer. As supporters of this work I understand that you may want me to come. Some churches do and others do not. However, please consider that if several want me to I may not be able to meet your schedule. So please let me know as soon as you can so we can do our best to come when you would like.

We are thankful for you who pray for us and the work, and those of you who support us and the work financially (cp. Phil. 4:15-17). You make it possible for us to sow the seed of the kingdom and influence others.

In His Service, Perry & Sandy September's totals: 297 miles; 322 pks. {preaching & teaching has priority here}