



Mission USA:
Door knocking in those
700+ USA counties
without the church and
helping small congregations



Perry Sexton, Evangelist
1763 Highway 166 N
Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474
Cell: (540) 742-3658
jpsexton@peoplepc.com
www.mission-usa.org

Sponsoring congregation:
Church of Christ at Greenfield
P.O. Box 156
Greenfield, TN 38230
Phone: (731) 235-2341

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



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



Greetings from your co-workers who hope all of you will have a very Happy Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that it is nearing that time of year again.

We left Washington earlier than we had planned: since we had heard the weather gets very wet and rainy in the month of November (even more so than October), I told the “leadership” that we probably would not be doing much door knocking, if any at all in November, but I would be glad to stay and preach if they wanted me to. This is the main reason we went there in the first place because their preacher left for the winter months. The “leadership” said for us to go ahead and leave. We were not surprised when they told me that. It was apparent the entire time we were there that they have not appreciated my preaching. I brought very basic, simple lessons that they all certainly needed. It seems to me that they do not want to offend anyone with anything. One person told me that I had mentioned some things that had not been spoken against there for many years: I had said that we need to be speaking out against homosexuality and abortion. I strongly suspect many things have not been said there for years, such as only one true church, etc.

Numbers seem to be their thing. Though I did not write the article in last month’s *Sound Words* bulletin with them in mind I think it fits them very well. Some in the congregation do not know why the church does not use instruments of music in worship, and others thought this is not a salvation issue. Some there believe: in salvation by grace alone; baptism not essential to salvation; Holy Spirit directly guiding them; miracles today; come when you want to – assembling not that important; etc. There were several that hated to see us leave and did appreciate the lessons I brought. Please pray for this congregation.

Unfortunately not all congregations of the Lord’s church are what they ought to be. We were warned about the looseness found in much of the far west but we decided to go and do what we could. I know good was done there because I preached the truth with love, and because 372 households have the opportunity to learn the truth if they will from the packets we passed out.

As I have stated before, it is quite stressful to try and find a sound congregation to worship with. One congregation where we attended on a Sunday morning in Arizona was certainly different than what we are used to: instead of a worship service, the preacher walked around the room holding his microphone and reading some verses on prayer, and then he had several men to lead in prayer. There was no preaching, just praying. Several members and the preacher brought soft drinks or coffee into the worship services. Sunday evening we did find another congregation to attend and it seemed to be much sounder and as normal, much smaller. This congregation was made up of elderly with only about a dozen present. We have found multitudes of churches like this which are dying. The preacher had a good lesson and even gave the plan of salvation, which is normally lacking in most places we visit.

I have never turned down any congregation that wanted us to help, but since there is work that needs to be done everywhere, Sandy and I have decided to try and work in the central part of the USA for the next few years so we won’t be so terribly far from our children and grandchildren. We haven’t seen the baby for seven months and our other two granddaughters are growing up so fast.

We thank all of you for your continued support of us and the work. We pray God’s many blessings on each and every one of you as you continue to serve Him faithfully. Please pray for us and our endeavors in trying to reach the lost, and in helping strengthen some small congregations and motivate them to evangelize more.