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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 state of WA. We have seen some beautiful sights and some interesting things on our trip to WA. We have also seen and heard some disturbing things. Even though door knocking is somewhat stressful at times and we do get a break from this stress as we travel from work place to work place, one of our worst fears is what we will find at the church when we visit in our travels. Last month I mentioned two congregations where I spoke, but let me expound on those two a little more: the first place (a Wed.) I spoke extemporaneously (without prior preparation) about our work but also gave warnings of error in the church. Afterwards several had good comments and one said he was encouraged to invite people to services. It is good to know we encourage some even in a short lesson as that. The second congregation was on Sunday where I spoke for all three services. A member there called us the other day and said everyone missed us and how we had made a great impression on them with the studies. This call was a big encouragement for us and much appreciated as it happened after the discouraging mess below.

Big contrast in the above congregations and the one which follows: On Wednesday night the 7th, we researched trying to find a sound congregation to meet with. We finally came across a congregation in Idaho 32 miles from where we were staying, and saw the preacher was from East Tennessee School of Preaching. We thought this would be a good place to go but when we got there another man was teaching class, though the preacher was in this class. The teacher was dealing with 1 Cor. 7.

He was teaching error about marriage, divorce and remarriage. I told him that I must kindly disagree and set out to explain why, but he interrupted a lot and finally cut me off. We went back and forth a little and a woman got up and left. Very soon another woman left and the teacher yelled at her. A third woman left and I, thinking it was because of me, said we would leave if they felt we should. They didn't think we should leave but after more of the false teaching and me not being able to refute it because the teacher would not acknowledge me, I decided it was time for us to leave. I stood up and got the teacher's attention and told him we were leaving and why. Upon leaving, the three women were outside and came to us saying that it was not because of us they had left and that they full well agreed with what I had said. Anyway to make a long story short, this man dominates the church there and he and several members there often bash the preacher, according to the women. This is definitely a case where men and women are sitting back and doing nothing in defense of truth. **See Jude 3 and the article in *Sound Words*** which was planned and mostly written even before all of this. I tried to encourage the women to get the men to stand against this error and sinful situation.

The next Wednesday evening (8-14) and further on our journey we went to Bible study and no one was there for awhile then an elderly gentleman came walking into the parking lot with a Bible in hand. He called one of the other members and was informed that services had been cancelled because the preacher was away on vacation. We talked with this brother for quite awhile and learned that he and another couple meet in the couple's house each Sunday evening because the church does not have Sunday evening services. Where is the preacher and other members on Sunday evenings??? This brother is 91 years old and almost blind and has to walk to services. It was encouraging talking with him, but discouraging to know the church cancelled services because the preacher was away, and that they no longer have Sunday evening services.

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, strengthen the church (those who will hear) and refute error when there is the need.

In His Service, Perry & Sandy