Dear Fellow Laborers in Christ!

We first want to thank you for all those faithful times you’ve pleaded our cause to our Great Commander and Chief, The Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for all the love and support you’ve shown and given to our family and the ministry! You haven’t given in vain, for these precious seeds sown will one day be fruits to your account!

Our last newsletter had us at New Heights Baptist Church in Charton Heights, WV. We had 5 very short months with this special team, and we loved every minute of it. We definitely saw God’s hand all through this work. Lots of faith built, some precious souls saved, and some faithful warriors encouraged to go further than ever before! They now have 2 CDL drivers to drive the bus and work the bus ministry, some young bus helpers and a brand new Junior Church program ran by a faithful husband and wife team. All I can say is, to God be the Glory!!! Great things He hath done!!!

A special thanks to Brother Fred Hart at CDL Assist in Beckley WV for all the help in training these 2 dear soldiers. They had a 15 hour online course to complete, DMV learners to pass and a 4 day driver training to go through in Beckley.

As we were coming to an end at NHBC, we started visiting other churches on Sunday and Wednesday evening. On May the 22nd, we visited First Baptist Church of Pinch WV for the first time. We were unannounced visitors, but sure had a warm welcome. Pastor Michael Smith gave me 3 minutes to present our ministry. After church, he said, we really need you here. I’ve been praying about a bus ministry. So, plans were set for us to return to do a full presentation and to preach which happened on June 30th.

After service that night, Pastor Michael said, “look no further, this is your next church”. I just love God’s amazing hand that leads and guides us in this life. What a Mighty God we serve!!!

**Isaiah 48:17** Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

We continued at NHBC through the month of July and saw the Lord do so much within the church. Here's one of the many blessings that we experienced. One of the families at this church made friends with a neighborhood teenager named Ethan who started coming to church with us on Sunday mornings. This young man was very respectful and polite but was on his way to a devils Hell. Week after week he left the same way he came, until one day…

It was our last Sunday at NHBC, which was July 28th.  Christina and I were given the great honor and privilege of teaching the teenagers. I had the teen boys and she had the teen girls. Right after the message, Ethan raised his hand acknowledging his need for salvation, and acknowledging his destination as Hell, but never would make a decision to follow Christ. Our hearts were truly broken and heavy for this young man. I think the whole church was praying for him not only to see his need, but just to simply trust the Lord and repent.

As we were loading the bus after church, we noticed the Junior Church teacher outside talking with Ethan away from everyone else. And all of a sudden, we saw both men drop to their knees. Moments later, there was great rejoicing amongst the angels in Heaven over this one lost sinner that had repented. HALLELUJAH, WHAT A SAVIOUR!!!

Just to show you how good God really is, one week before we left NHBC, we met a dear sweet family living in the same campground that we just moved to. They’ve been stranded here for about 9 months due to money issues. We invited them to be our first riders on the new bus ministry at FBC of Pinch and they accepted the offer. On Sunday morning of Aug 4th, we picked up these 3 precious youngens for the first time. Another blessing, their dad and mom drove in for the 11am service. Since then, the kids have been very faithful to ride the bus and the parents have been very faithful to drive in to church. They have truly captured our hearts, so we call them “our little family” that God has given us.

Even though we were off to a really good start at FBC, we had a lot of hard times headed our way. My mother just had been diagnosed with stage 4 terminal cancer and it was spread everywhere including the brain. Good news, she was a child of the King!!! Secondly, God moved us back home at the right time. The last 29 days of her life were spent in the hospital and hospice, but to God be the Glory, on Aug 23, 2024 at 11am, my momma came face to face with the one I long for, Jesus!

This also produced a lot of family issues and drama that we could have lived without, but once again, we claimed Romans 8:28 and kept on truckin’ for our Lord! For we are in the ministry of reconciliation ( 2 Cor 5:18), not in family disputes.

Since my mother was raising my sister’s 2 kids, we decided to sell our motorhome to get something bigger just in case we were needed to help raise the kids. In that process, we noticed that we had a very bad roof. We ended up selling the motorhome cheap and buying a 37’ bumper pull camper that has a separate bunkroom. Even though my brother is now raising the kids, the camper was not all in vain. Gracie sure is enjoying her own room. We may not have a truck to pull it but praise the Lord for a dear saint of God that has volunteered to pull us anywhere. I truly love this man!

The start with First Baptist Church of Pinch has been a little slow, but now we are back to full throttle. We are out knocking on doors three days a week right now which may increase to four soon. God has given us 7 bus kids and 4 drive-in adults so far, but I don’t think God is done quite yet. The church can hold a whole lot more, but all in God’s timing. It’s not about numbers, but the more that can hear, “thus saith the Lord”, the more faith that can be built, which can lead to more multitudes of sins being hidden! Hallelujah

Please pray for this new work as we seek to rescue children and parents before it’s too late. We’ll either need more vans or a bus in the very near future. But, only if God continues in giving the increase. Also, pray for total unity and peace among the brethren because we know that we have an enemy.

Love you church and brethren!