



Dear Friends and Fellow Servants,

Abounding Grace Baptist Church has had unusual attendance for the first third of the year. We seemed to always have people out due to illness or for extended travel. In fact, we have a few out traveling even now in various places of the world. We have tried a few things to encourage attendance, like Trinity Sunday near St Patrick's Day and Build Your Own Fancy Coffee and Doughnut Sunday. [Starbucks even donated plastic refillable cups and sprinkles for our coffee.] We have only had a couple weeks now without cold and rain. I've been able to get around the neighborhoods more readily for tract and invitation distribution. Although no one has come in directly from that, since those who attended at Christmas, God has blessed our faithfulness. In the last month and a half, we have had twelve visitors. So far, four of these have begun to attend regularly. Soon, we should grow out of the school class room that we have been meeting in.



We hope to move back into the school chapel. It costs \$400 extra per month. Our people were excited to hear from a church that when we move into that space, they will send us that difference for the first month! What an encouragement! I pray that our people will be as motivated as I am.

Another precious development is that our Sunday evening and Wednesday night Bible studies are growing a little each month. We started with three individuals in November of last year. Now, our whole family is able to attend; and, we have had seven others attend. On Sunday nights, we have been studying our salvation and the accompanying doctrines. On Wednesday, we are going through the book of Genesis to find foundational concepts and principles. It has been exciting to see the light of understanding go on in the eyes of several young Christians.



In the coming weeks, Angela and the boys will finish up their year of homeschooling.

[Thank you for praying for Angela to have rest, strength and wisdom.] Then, we plan to take a three day trip up to northern British Columbia for a local conference. I'm excited to see some friends up there. Then we will have our church anniversary Sunday. We plan to have a nice food fellowship that day.

We thank you for your continued prayer for our ministry. We also appreciate the increased care for us among all our supporting churches. Your love is evident. May God continue His blessing on all of us as we serve Him together.

Serving the Lord,

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