

Evangelism Mission

RODNEY & GABRIELLE SUMMARY OF NEWS THAT WAS EMAILED IN JAN-MARCH

Greetings to our readers,

We greatly praise God for all He is doing. If you get our emails, this whole letters is a summary from our Jan-March emails. If you don't get our emails, this letter is for you.... If you get our emails, you may have read this all before, if not read it in this letter. To get more up to date news, consider signing up for our emails at: Signup.EvangelismMission.com

Fund Drive Results

In November we initiated our End of Year - Winter fund drive trying to raise \$48,500. The fund drive included closing out 2018, our January budget, and several projects. Here are the results:

End of Year Fund Drive Goals, Includes Jan 2019 Budget

Goal	Raised	Project	Fund Drive from Nov. 24 - Jan 15
\$ 5,500	\$ 595	Motorhome Roof and other Repairs	
\$ 1,500	\$ 450	Office Computer with high speed drives.	
\$ 4,000	\$ 55	Staff Budget (office & outsourced workers)	
\$ 4,000	\$ 1,370	Gabrielle's Support	
\$ 1,500	\$ 115	Gabrielle's College fund to finish 2018	
\$ 1,500	\$ 950	Gabrielle's 2019 Ukraine Trip	
\$30,500	\$13,471	General Mission & Rodney's Support	
\$48,500	\$17,006		

While we ended the fund drive way lower than our needs, God did something amazing in answer to prayer.

Amazing Answer to Prayer

By Jan 16th, it was evident the funds were not there to get the motorhome back, meet all the mission needs, and get on the road for Trip 46. It became my urgent prayer that if God wanted me to take this trip, He would have to bring in the funds for the motorhome repairs and see that all the current mission bills and 2018 travel reimbursements would be paid. So after praying at times for several days, I felt led to take a portion of the trip in my car to the few churches that were scheduled for mission deputation services in VA, WV, and NC and then return for the motorhome and take an altered course should the Lord provide. This short 6 day trip was spent praying and trusting God to provide for all the above mentioned urgent needs.

I am so pleased to announce that between the donations that came in through mail in, online, in-person, and our mission deputation services; every currently due mission bill has been paid including the repair bills for the motorhome and our first week of Feb. bills. In two weeks time over \$17,000 came in after our fund-drive closed and met 100% of urgent needs. Praise God for answers to prayer!

Update on David

If you recall from my Dec. newsletter, there were two who prayed on the streets of Salt Lake City (SLC) back in Oct. One of them was David, who sought the Lord for a pure heart. As planned, he was able to fly out to stay with me for a short time over Christmas and New Years. I am so encouraged to watch him grow.

We had two goals for his visit. One was to try and get him a visit with his 7 year old daughter who only lives 1:40 from my house in Altoona, PA. Unfortunately,



Here is a picture of David when I took him to see the Mt. Pisgah Altar overlooking Beaver Springs, PA.

his ex-wife played hide and seek and consequently we could not find them for David to visit his daughter. The other reason for the visit was David's desire to know how to walk with God. He said to me over the phone before flying out to PA from UT, that "Most of all I want you to teach me how to walk with God!" Wow, to have someone so hungry and excited to learn to walk with God is amazing. We did some aggressive discipleship with David while visiting and also took him to several church services. He really liked Beavertown God's Missionary Church and watches their livestream services when he can. David has been using a read-the Bible-thru in a year plan provided by Bro. Chris Hancock with Pilgrim Tract Society who gave us a calendar when he was visiting at the Beavertown God's Missionary Church. How providential that calendar was, as I have been teaching David the importance of reading God's Word daily and to read the whole Bible, not just his favorite parts. David and I talk regularly on the phone and he has been faithful to read every day and is growing in leaps and bounds! Pray for David. I am praying it works out to spend time with him in SLC in March for more discipleship and street ministry. David would like to learn more about evangelism and is praying about being a minister.

Mission Trip 46

I was very grateful to have William Potak volunteering on this trip and his wife planning to meet up with us along the way. I made some changes to our trip plans to compensate for our loss of time after having to split the deputation tour in VA, WV & NC by car before getting the motorhome back on the road. I also had to drop Atlanta, GA from our trip plans. We also did not go to Phoenix as planned, since the churches we were planning to minister with needed to change the dates and we thought it best to work with them another time when near their area.

We finally left in the motorhome on Feb. 9th about two weeks later than planned. On this trip we started with a mission service in Somerset, KY. Thank you, Somerset ICHA church! Then went on to the Univ of AL in Birmingham, AL, and to Miss. State Univ in Starkville, MS. While at MSU, I had a conversation with a young man who claims to be an atheist now; he shared that he used to be a Christian who had a real experience with deep conviction and tears as he came to a joyous experience of sins forgiven in his youth. That experience has been snuffed out by hardships and modern education. We need to reach these students!!!! That's what a lot of Mission Trip 46 was all about. We have updated our Campus Evangelism web page, please check it out here: EvangelismMission.com/videos/campusevan/

We were blessed to be able to minister to a few at the Univ. of Louisiana in Monroe, even though classes were out for the day, as they only have Fri. morning classes. We still had a meaningful time of prayer with a young woman about a career change she was interviewing for. Life's decisions are big steps for all of us and chart our future. It was nice to see her desiring God's will for her job.



Then we were off to Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA. There we met many students while doing one-on-one evangelism and had some good conversations. One young man talked of how he knew he was letting up on his walk with God and I was able to help him see his need to make God a priority above his studies!

Our next campus to evangelize was the Univ. of Northern TX. We had good opportunity to pass out tracts and open air preach. There a Catholic man hears of true salvation for the first time in his life, an atheist comes to know of God's love and encouraged to seek to know if there is a God, and two lesbians flaunt their evil ways in front of me and received a message of God's love that can change them. Pray for the hundreds who have received the preached word of God and tracts on campuses.

While in Texas we also held two deputation services, one in Whitehall and one in Sherman. Thank you, Pilgrim Nazarene Churches!

From there we went on to Oklahoma City. There we did a training session with Pastor Darrell Stettler II and his people about ways to evangelize. We intended to do some campus evangelism from OKC traveling to St. Louis, MO but unfortunately I was not well for a couple of days.

Next stop was the St. Louis Holiness Convention. I was grateful to share about the mission work at the convention and enjoyed listening to other speakers too. It was good to see so many fellow believers gathering for the advancement of Holiness across the land.

From St. Louis, MO we travelled to Plainfield, IN. There we attended the International Conservative Holiness Association (ICHA) Preachers & Lay Convention. I was also able to present our vision for interdenominational church planting across the USA and our SLC church plant plan to the ICHA general board. It was also nice to have Bro. Jacob Martin, president of our God's Missionary Church conference attend the meeting. Being an ordained minister with both God's Missionary Church and the ICHA has been such a blessing.

Our next place to evangelize was Indiana Univ. in Bloomington, IN (their main campus). There, Pastor Justin Jessup from a neighboring church helped us do some one-on-one evangelism and I also did some open air preaching. As often happens, there are those who make fun of the preacher and his message. I can gladly say there is nothing inside of me that wants to lash out at them; I am deeply burdened for their misguided souls and gripped in my heart for their desperate

situation; to mock the preaching of God's word, knowing that God's wrath will fall upon all who mock Him and will not repent.

Next was a downtown Indianapolis night time evangelism. During this time we helped two homeless people. One with food and the other with some other needs. When I came out of Steak & Shake after getting the one man some food, I found David, a UBC student, praying with Jeff, a homeless man. I was

moved when during David's prayer I heard Jeff say these words: "and a sleeping bag, I need a sleeping bag bad, all I want is a sleeping bag." So, I told Jeff I would go get him a sleeping bag.

How many times do we take for granted that we have a warm bed to sleep in? My heart was touched and I knew I needed to get him a good sleeping bag. The temperatures were to go into the single digits in just a few days. I asked Jeff if he knew who the most famous homeless person was? Do you know? Jesus! At times he had no place to lay his head.

As you can see in this picture, Jeff was so happy to receive the sleeping bag and a few other things God put on my heart to get him.



We met a few days later to get him a hot meal and had a wonderful time sharing the Gospel with him. He had never heard that he could be free from his sins; he thought he was saved and would have to struggle with sin all of his life. He was excited to know there is clear deliverance from his sins and wanted to pray privately by himself. Pray for Jeff and for a local pastor who hopefully will be able to follow up with Jeff soon.

I sometimes wrestle about spending the little the mission has in its bank account not knowing where the next tank of fuel or food will come from as we travel, but I know when God leads me to give, He will always be replenishing what we give, sometime many times more than we gave. I spent a little over \$100 to get Jeff some of his needs. The next day the Lord sent \$800 in to the mission online and nearly \$300 of food arrived at our motorhome in a few days. That \$800 helped cover medical bills and trip expenses and the food will help us greatly to finish out this trip. WOW, to think that I worried to give some of the little bit the mission had, yet God provided again this time over 10 fold in return! Thank you LORD and thank you to all who mind God with their giving to us! This life of living by faith has its challenges, but God has never failed us and never will. Pray as we drive to SLC and all the way home by faith over the next few weeks.

Gabrielle's Update

I am privileged to announce to you a new opportunity God has made available for me! Some time ago I concluded that I would need another source of income in addition to Evangelism Mission. This past December I was contacted by a local ministry, Teen Challenge, to submit a copy of my resume. I was interviewed shortly after and my start date was scheduled for Jan. 8th. Every process of this has been a direct answer to prayer, and I cannot thank God enough! Teen Challenge is an international Christian organization. They have program centers for adults and adolescents who are addicted to alcohol and/or drugs. The one I am working at is an adolescent girls' center. There I have the opportunity to plan activities, lead devotionals, have counselees, help in their ACE school, and most importantly pray for the girls and share Jesus with them each day! It is an amazing job, and I am so thankful for it! I was praying God would provide a job that is both full time ministry and one that is flexible with my schedule – He has done both!



Ukraine Trip

As many of you know, I am going on a mission's trip to Ukraine this summer! The total amount I need to raise for the trip is \$1500. I am so grateful to each of you who have supported through prayer and/or giving financially. God has been so faithful, and the entire amount has come in! Praise God! We were supposed to order tickets Jan. 18, but the prices went up and we will be ordering tickets by March at the latest. Once tickets are ordered, the exact dates will be known. The tentative dates are July 23-Aug 7. Please continue praying for this trip; we want to see souls saved and lives changed!

Utah Trip

I will also be taking a mission trip to Utah with my dad for a week. I will fly out to meet him on June 15 and return on June 22. The

Next stop was the Outreach and Bus Convention at UBC. It was so nice to be at another O&B Conv. I cut my spiritual teeth on this convention just a few months after getting saved in Nov. 1999. I have tried to make every O&B convention when not traveling out of the area. Because of my changing route on Trip 46, I was able to attend this year and represent our mission with a display booth. The seminar sessions and night rallies were great spiritual food. I especially enjoyed Darrell Stettler II's session on church planting which aligned so much with all God showed me back in October of how to go about planting churches. Hope to share more about a new mission work called Holiness Pioneers that God has been leading to advance the Gospel in states where there are no conservative Holiness Churches.

Thank you to churches, conventions, and individuals!

I want say a special thank you to all other churches that have allowed us to share about our mission work or during training in church services and the offerings they gave to the mission. These mission services help us to travel across the country to reach the lost and needy. We held services in Somerset, KY; Whitehouse, TX; and Sherman, TX. Also, we had a training service in Oklahoma City, OK; and an impromptu time in a service in Plainfield, IN. The help we receive from the churches and individuals has enabled us to reach thousands with the Gospel!

Stability in Finances

It has become apparent that we need to raise more regular monthly support for the mission work and have a better strategy to raise funds for specific projects so our general budget is not so strained. This would help us so we are not so dependent on large fund drives to meet shortages. Please help us pray about how best to pursue this. It is normal for missionaries to make months of deputation trips around the USA to raise their support before heading to their field. In our mission work, with me already traveling around the USA normally, I have always tried to include deputation mission services in our mission trip travels. I have a great need to increase deputation for a period of time to raise new supporters. If you or any churches you know of might like to hear about our mission work or if we have not been to your church in a while, please contact me at 484-894-6001 to help schedule services. We must build the necessary support to meet the many mission needs. It costs to reach the Lost and we greatly appreciate all those who have a leading from God to help.

2020 Vision for SLC

Over the past 4 years God has been leading us to evangelize more and more in Utah, and more specifically, Salt Lake City. These evangelism outreaches lead to converts whom we have been working with over the last two years. We are praying more and more to know the full will of God about how raise up workers to plant a church in Salt Lake City area. This past fall God started creating a vision in my heart to start this new work in SLC as a mission which will grow into a church. I hope to have some news in the next few months. To learn more about our 2020 vision, the open mission team positions and to watch a video presentation about it please visit:

EvangelismMission.com/2020vision

cost for this mission trip will be around \$600. I am super excited about what God will do during our time in Utah! If you feel led to support this mission trip, I would greatly appreciate it! Donations to my summer mission trips will first go towards the Ukraine trip, then to the Utah trip.

God is doing great things in Indianapolis! His presence has been felt at Wheeler Mission, and a group of friends and I had the privilege of sharing Christ with a man downtown just the other day! We are starting a monthly outreach called "Seek and Find" on February 16. We will prepare some sack lunches, pick out a passage of Scripture on salvation, and go seek the physically and spiritually hungry in attempt that they find Jesus by sharing His word with them while they eat! It will be a monthly event taking place on a Saturday afternoon. Please pray God helps us and souls are reached! If you live in the Indianapolis area, shoot me a text or email and come join us!

Blessings..... Gabrielle M. Keister

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"RK Support" (includes general mission expenses, Rodney's Support & Healthcare, and his Mission Trips)

"Utah Fund" any Utah related travel and expenses

"Office PC" \$450 of \$1500 raise so far (important project)

"Staff Budget" around \$800 monthly

"GK Trips" or "GK Support" to support Gabrielle