

2019 Fall State Missions Report To the Local Associational Meetings

This has been another exciting year at your State Missions office. Thanks to your faithful and consistent giving, we find ourselves in a position to add on at least two new missionaries when they come available. I am happy to say our current works are growing and making a positive impact on their local areas.

August 10th we, as an Association of churches, celebrated with El Faro in Little Rock and Brother Jorge in their recent organization into a church. Brother Jorge along with Brother Michael are to be commended for their vision and work in this location. It is always exciting to see our efforts come to fruition.

In August Brother Michael Hight felt led to go back into the full-time pastorate. He, with the approval of his church, has agreed to stay on as our Hispanic Coordinator on a bi-vocational level.

As you can see in the brochure, we currently have seven men and their families on the field. September 17 we are scheduled to interview a candidate to serve in the north central Arkansas area.

Presently, our greatest prayer request is that over the next few months God will raise up men to serve in this great ministry. This is where you can be a help to your Missions' department. I desperately need your help in finding suitable, qualified candidates. A church sending out a man, with us joining in to help, is biblical and provides the best environment for stability.

We are currently projecting that we will have a mission organizing in the summer of 2020, one in the spring of 2021 and yet another in the summer of 2022. I dare not project out any further. God has truly blessed His works around the state.

But in order to maintain and continue to see victories in the area of church planting we must begin soon to place the seed of new works in the ground.

In the area of finances, we are thankful that we have been able to remain in the black in our general fund while expanding our footprint to two new areas last year.

Our Special Emphasis donations often serve as a springboard in starting a new ministry; but it is your generous and systematic donations that are our mainstay and what we use to project into the future.

Most of the RLF funds we currently have are loaned out to current projects. But, as our balance again begins to grow we will be in a place that we can help yet another project get started.

I challenge you as individuals, local churches and as an association to carry the banner of Christ high through the planting of more and more churches.

During our current times we have seen some churches have to reduce or drop their regular support. We understand their need and pray for their future and wellbeing. So please remember to pray for your sister churches as well as our department.

May we be found faithful in our Judea to plant the precious seed of the Gospel to people right here in our state, regardless of the language they speak or their nationality.

Last, I want to thank you personally for allowing me to serve you as your State Mission's Director. I completed my ninth year in this position in July, and I am as excited and as sold out to State Missions now as I was the day I began.

I also want to thank the moderator for allowing me a time to share with you about your Mission's work.

Let me close my report with an update of my current bout with prostate cancer. I am to finish my treatments in the next few weeks. The doctors assure me I should live a normal and productive life at their conclusion.

In His Service, Paul White

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