



The Byrer Family

Missionaries to Alberta, Canada



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the month of May closes, we thank the Lord for His guiding hand and all of the GREAT meetings He has put us in. As we were beginning this month, I was still looking for a couple of churches to fill dates that had been cancelled in order to preach my wife's grandfather's graduation. We are very grateful for pastors that have a heart for missions and missionaries. The first Sunday in May was spent in two last minute meetings in Michigan. Sunday morning was spent in Grant, MI at Harvest Baptist Church with Pastor Art Barton and after having a great morning of preaching along with lunch and fellowship with them we dashed our 25,000 pound rolling estate down to Battle Creek, MI. We then presented the work and preached at Bethel Baptist Church where Pastor Stewart was moved to take us on for support that night. Praise the Lord!

The following day we headed south to get back to our regularly scheduled meetings with what looked like a Wednesday night off. Then it happened! While heading south on Interstate 160 in south Missouri and doing about 65 mph, a guy on the service road parallel to us appeared out of nowhere. He was flying down the road, hanging out the window while yelling something at us and pointing towards the rear of our RV. Since this is usually not a good sign, I yanked the rig over and stopped it as fast and safely as possible. When I went around back, I quickly realized what the man was so urgently trying to tell us. You see, the RV bumper in which our bike rack is attached gave up the ghost, allowing our bikes to drag on the highway. Praise the Lord the damage to the bikes was minimal but what about the bumper? After putting Romans 12:12 to work, I called our RV dealer. They told me that this wasn't a warranty issue so I called Pastor Josh Morgan who was about an hour south of where we were. He said that he was going to look for a welder in town but in the mean time, I could contact Pastor David Bosley at the Master's Ranch for Boys. Now here is where it gets good. Pastor Bosley invited us to spend as much time as we needed on the ranch AND he informed me that by vocation he is a welder and he has everything that we would need to make the repairs! Did I mention that this all happened within 20 miles of his ranch? This was Tuesday. On Wednesday I presented the work to his boys and preached. Two of the boys felt that the Lord was dealing with them about missions and this opened a door to pray with them about the matter. Thursday we repaired the bumper to a better than new condition and Friday morning we pulled out. Just before we pulled out, Pastor Bosley announced to the boys that the ranch was going to take us on for monthly support! They also gave us a love offering to boot! I promise you that I would have never called a BOYS ranch in order to get a chance to take my wife and three daughters out there just to present the work!

All through the month of May the Lord has been leading us to just the right places to meet with just the right people. On top of this, the Lord has met our every need. Also, every one of our meetings this month have been in Arkansas and although the state has been pounded by bad weather and tornadoes, the worst we have seen have been a few mild thunder storms. In the mean time, all of our meetings went great and the fellowship and the friends made have been those to be cherished.

Our last days of this month led us to our RV dealer located in Conway, Arkansas to make some warranty repairs on our RV. These repairs that we were thinking were going to take several days to make actually will only take a couple of hours once the parts arrive. While at the RV dealer I had a chance to spend some time with our repairman, Todd Purdy. He was curious about what we were doing and the conversation led to a talk about his salvation. He said that he was sure that he was going to heaven but when I asked him about why he thought so, he said he didn't know. Please pray that the seeds sown will grow and the Holy Spirit will convict him to either get saved or get right.

Our future calendar is plenty full but I am already looking to fill February 2009 and beyond. Please pray that the Lord gives me light on who to call and where to go. Also pray that the Lord continues to put sinners in our path, ones who are wanting to know about eternal things in these last days.

In His Service,
Brother John Byrer & Family

"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4:9

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