



The Byrer Family

Missionaries to Alberta, Canada



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we close out the month of June we are happy to report that our support is coming in at a better than expected rate. We are presently at a strong 10% level with another 10-15% speculatively hanging out there with undecided churches, waiting for their fall "Faith Promise" commitments. In the mean time our schedule has been solidly booked and we have been very busy going from church to church. Although the month was full of blessings and the Lord did provide, none of this came without a few bumps in the road.

We started June off with the "Back to Bethel" camp meeting in Jacksonville, Arkansas and while pulling onto the approach road to the churches camp ground I was able to successfully wedge the rear frame of our fifth wheel RV tightly into the road, blocking one lane of traffic for at least three hours while waiting for a wrecker to come and pull us free. Not only was he successful in pulling us free, the service was delivered FREE. You see, prior to heading out on deputation and while still working in Washington, D.C., by the advice of other missionaries I invested \$90 in a roadside assistance plan tailored specifically for RV'ers. The wrecker service provided to us this day would have easily cost \$150 or more. Praise the Lord for His foresight with this matter. But that wasn't the only bump in the road for us. A few weeks later, while we traversed across lower Missouri heading to a meeting in West Tennessee we had a blow out on one of the four trailer tires. The trailer by itself weighs in at about 15,500 pounds so even though I am very versed at changing flat tires, I opted to call our roadside service again. They, as promised in the plan that I bought, sent out a tire service truck who graciously put our spare tire on the trailer for us and once again, it was FREE of charge! On top of that, the tire that blew out was covered under its own warranty and that too was replaced, remounted and installed back on the trailer FREE of charge! But we aren't done yet. The next bump in the road occurred while going from Kettering, Ohio down to Freetown, Indiana when I picked up some road debris in yet a different tire on the trailer. Miraculously I noticed that the tire was going flat and quickly pulled over. You guessed it, I called our roadside service once again and again they sent yet another tire service truck. This time instead of installing the spare, I opted to plug the tire, saving me the future hassle of putting the regular tire back on. Once again, the service was 100% FREE. Although this seemed to be a brilliant idea on my part, about 30 minutes later and just as I was pulling into a gas station to fuel up, the plug popped out and the tire went flat in front of the fuel pumps. I was at this time able to pull out my portable air compressor and plug it into one of the gas stations receptacles, purchase one of their tire plug kits and plug the tire again. Since I was able to wedge two plugs into the hole this time the plugs held. Well at least the plug job held for about an hour this time but I was watching the tire just in case. And then it happened. The plugs popped out again and just as I noticed the tire going flat again, I looked to the right and we were literally in front of a "Big O's" tire shop. As I pulled up to the front of the shop, the mechanic that was standing out front yelled to me, "Hey buddy, you got a flat!" Even though it was late on Friday and they were just closing up, he and another mechanic graciously went to work on the tire. This time the tire was going to be patched from the inside. They jacked up the trailer, took the tire off and into the shop. Then they pulled the tire off of the rim, installed one of their "inside the tire" patches on the tire, reinstalled the tire onto the rim, tested it for leaks and mounted it back onto the trailer in record time. When I asked him how much I owed him, he told me to have a great weekend and not to worry about it! I never told him who I was or why we were travelling, he simply gave me his service for FREE even though I was fully ready and expecting to pay for it! I said all of that to say this, I know that the Bible says that from time to time we may "entertain angels unawares" but I am not too sure that any of these men fit that category. One thing I am certain is that each one of them were put in our path to not only serve us as we press towards the mark, but they also needed to hear about my Savior and the tracts that they received were divinely placed in their hands solely because of our roadside dilemmas.

We did have to have a major repair made on our truck in June but although this repair came with a hefty price tag, I was able to give a very clear and concise presentation of gospel to the mechanic and although he didn't get saved that day, it was obvious he had already been contemplating where he was going to spend eternity. Please pray for him (Eric) that he realize how important something so simple is to his eternal welfare.

We are very thankful for the prayers that you all have been sending up to heaven on our behalf. I know that it is these very prayers that are what protect us on the road, get us in front of the right people at the right time and keep us going. Most importantly, they are what we need to get to the field that the Lord has called us to.

In His Service,
Brother John Byrer & Family

"Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly." Hebrews 13:18

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