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Greetings from our mission field once again

as we are still on task everyday with the ministry to the city. We have been very blessed to have continued the operation through all of the challenges that the *pestilence* has presented. We are so very thankful for His guidance and protection.

The *pestilence* has seemingly taken control of about everything including churches. Satan is undoubtedly very pleased. How many of God's people are really getting the spiritual nutrition they need on an electronic diet? Of course, there are places in this world that wouldn't even have that privilege. We know that God has a plan as He always did, especially with the many dealings with people in the Old Testament. Unbelievers today are waiting on man to find a reason and cure when believers already know a sovereign God has it all under control and these things happen in God's providential control of the world. I am reminded of Psalm 148:8, *Fire, and hail; snow, and vapour; stormy wind fulfilling his word.* All things obey the command of God and accomplish His purpose. Jonah is a good classic example.

Well, we will not second guess the outcome of all of this but do what we have always done through all circumstances: *Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine* (II Timothy 4:2). You can't be more comprehensive or soul healing than that.

By His grace we pray that we will be able to continue with the Good News daily that God is on the throne. A great thanks to all of you who have assisted us to keep going during these times but we knew God would provide in His special ways. We look forward to the balance of the year as we will think about Thanksgiving and Christmas and bringing a joyful message at that time.

May the Lord greatly bless and keep you healthy.

By His grace, in His service,

Chaplain, Director

COVID - 19 Response

Well, it has been a challenging year so far but the Lord is bringing us through it in good health. We have done all of the things that have been recommended and more i.e., everyday, all surfaces are cleaned and sprayed with an anti-viral mist. Early on, we hung plastic down the middle of all tables and barriers up between all servers. We will render unto Caesar what is Caesars as long as we can. Our real trust is not in the many theories of how to stay healthy but our trust is in the Lord that He will keep us through it all. ***Surely He will deliver us from the noisome pestilence.***

We have not missed a single service or meal since it started and by His grace we plan to keep on going. We thank the Lord for His providential management of our lives. From a theological perspective, we know God has a purpose in the design of this whole thing. We will trust our heavenly Father through it all.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth

Psalm 124:8.



Faithful Volunteers



We have had wonderful groups of volunteers armed with face masks, gloves, sanitizer, plastic barriers, and lots of determination to get the job done in the Name of Christ. **Thank all of you who have been with us and continue to do so; you are a very important part of the Lord's work in the city.**

Bible Classes Continue

Regardless of what is going on in this world, ***Forever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven*** (Psalm 119:89). The Bible has the answers for all mankind for all issues. The Nehemiah Bible Institute continues on as well as our weekly discipleship classes. They are an energized and happy group of people who know the Lord and love His Word. Eternity will reveal the success of these endeavors.

Anniversary Celebration 108 Years!

As we say, "Where has the time gone?" When Ken and Sue came to this mission field it was celebrating 66 years of operation. Where did it go? Much work has been accomplished in His Name in the last several decades. The Lord has given us many tools to reach our inner city congregation. Most importantly are the Scriptural tools of His Word.

Jeremiah 23:29 ***Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?***

Ephesians 6:17 ***And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:***

1Thessalonians 5:8 ***But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.***

By the grace of God the mission will continue until the Lord comes again...Lord how long?

Shown here are some pictures of our guests all practicing their safe social counter measure's while enjoying a great meal of BBQ Ribs, Roasted Chicken, or if preferred, Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Pasta Salad and Tropical Fruit Delight. Plus, we had birthday gifts to-go for everyone.

Praise the Lord for another wonderful year for the privilege of being in His service in the trenches!



Faith and Friends Radio.Com Bike Ride

For 21 years, Bill and Melody of **FaithandFriendsRadio.com** have had an annual Bike-A-Thon of 100 miles to support the Lord's work here at the Gospel Mission. This year they raised \$5,050 to greatly assist our budget; very much needed at this time.



They normally have a Chocolate Festival in the fall to raise funds for their operation. It looks like that will have to be canceled because of the virus. **Please keep their ministry in prayer as well. We pray the Lord will well provide for them.**

Vans Needed

We let our needs be known to our supporters that it might strike a chord somewhere. In our last issue we shared that we needed to replace our refrigerated food service van. It is a full size cargo van with special refrigeration. We have had some

inquires but no replacement yet. Also, we know of a need for a five year old in a wheel chair and the family really needs to find a van with a chair lift. We have had a few calls but nothing has come through yet. Please keep these needs in prayer.

The Texting Generation

Staying in touch with our congregation is very important to us and since most of them have cell phones the TEXT is the answer. We will try to use all of the technology God gives us to His honor and glory. With encouraging words, we endeavor to give them a hug over the phone! Following are just a few of the hundreds of unedited replies:

"Thank you pastor Ken and Gospel mission, you are truly a blessing in the lives of many, my prayer may God continue to bless the mission ministry."

"Thank you! I can't see it very well I don't have my glasses on that's what I think the number was anyway thank you for the text may God continue to bless you you're a family your extended family all your children and grandchildren in

Florida and me."

"Thank you for the reminder may God continue to bless you your family and your extended family and your loved ones"

"May the Lord keep you and bless you thank you for the teaching of the word of God I'm going back to my father with your blessing and my family bless you in Jesus name I pray"

"Loved 'Gospel Mission Greetings! We are really missing all of you in our activities. Getting camp operational for a great summer! Hope to see you soon. (John 3:16)'"

"Loved 'Gospel Mission wishes you a joyful reminder that Christ arose, that you have life eternal by accepting Him as Saviour. We are looking forward to a great summer.'"

The King's Table

By the grace of our Lord, The King's Table has operated every day this year. There are many precautions in place that enable us to serve safely. So many people are thankful for our daily sit-down meals. **We are very thankful for the many volunteers that have continued to serve regularly!**

The food and supplies have been coming in from all over and we have been able to keep our community food distributions going as well. We give out freely knowing that our barrel will never be empty. The food operation does make for a wonderful testimony as to how the Lord provides.

The Bible says, *"and it came to pass,"* and when it does, you are all welcome to visit us for a very top-scale meal. We are reminded that we are serving our Lord with every plate; they must all be top quality!



Successful Camp Jabez Summer Camp



Would you believe that Camp Jabez sold out only 2 ½ weeks into the summer of eleven weeks of camp! We of course were not sure the State of Ohio was going to allow camps to

operate but we prayed and prepared for camp full speed ahead for the many weeks it takes to get things operational just knowing God would open the doors. The go-ahead was given less than one week before camp was to start. We were ready. Most of the campers had also signed up in faith months before trusting that camp was going to take place.



It has been a very rewarding camp for the youth and the counselors as well. We feel tremendous impact was made on the youth. There were many wonderful memories and adventures that will stay with these youth for a life time. We pray for their dedication to Christ as they mature into adults and bring their children back to Camp Jabez (it happens).



For those interested, we offer equine programs

throughout the year. Some of the youth will continue in our special training and perhaps be on staff as Junior Wranglers.

Praise the Lord for this wonderful place to show the beauty of God's creation.



Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Psalm 150:2

Camp Jabez Open House

We are not sure about the open house at this time. It is scheduled for Saturday September 19th. We have been considering various options to keep people spread out over time. We normally go from 3 to 6 PM. We might make it a longer affair; perhaps noon to 6 PM. and hope that will help. We will have our normal church picnic atmosphere and some great things to see in God's creation of Camp Jabez. If you are interested as time approaches, send us an email for the update.

The Heart of the Mission

The heart of the Gospel Mission is to present Almighty God to every soul that comes our way. We want all of His attributes to be clearly seen, and very important to the mission is that souls would be added to the Heavenly roll call through Christ. The mission covers many bases when it comes to providing for people's needs. The greatest need is always a relation with the One who can provide all that is needed. We have services before every meal because the Bread of Life is the most important thing on the menu that day. For who knows what is on tomorrow?

Oh, how many stories come back to us about how lives were turned around when they came to saving faith in Christ. We get notes and letters from all over the country expressing great joy about the salvation they came to know at the Gospel Mission; lives that were radically changed.

We thank the Lord that for 108 years He has kept us focused of the Gospel of Christ as foremost in everything we do. PTL



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