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January-February-March 2018 Ministry Update

Dear Pastors, Friends, and Church Family,

It is with my sincere apologies that this update on the work here in Chester is late.

Since our last Ministry Update, a lot has taken place in our lives and ministry here in Chester. As I stated in our last update, the Lord has allowed us to rent the Almanor Recreation Center to start having services in. We started with Wednesday evening services, and after 3 short months, felt like the Lord was leading us to begin Sunday morning services. We are excited to announce that our first Sunday morning service was on October 1st, 2017, with several folks in attendance.

Shortly after we began our Sunday morning services, our most faithful family moved off the mountain in preparation for winter and all the snow. For about 8 weeks, we didn't have any visitors. It was just my family and the Lord! This was a very humbling, yet, special time for my family. Now, fast forward to January. We have been praying about our housing situation for several months and I have also asked others to do so as well. In January, I received a phone call that resulted in us having about 15 days to move. We had no visitors at church, no houses for rent, and it seemed like God was closing the door in Chester. It had to be one of two things; 1) God was trying to build and strengthen our faith in Him, or 2) God was finished in Chester. We were not ready to concede to the 2nd idea yet! So, we decided to just wait on the Lord and see what He was doing. After counsel from my Pastor, we had to set a date to reserve a Uhaul truck and be moved out. As that date drew closer, there were still no houses for rent and still no visitors at church. AND THEN, on the morning of that date the Lord allowed us to not only find a house, but we received the rental contract also!!! Immediately after, we started having visitors again and now we have 3 people (not in the same family) that have been faithful to every service since. HALLALUJAH!!! We serve an On Time God!!! The other family that moved off the mountain for the winter, will be back around the 1st of May.

In the beginning of March I had to fly back to NC for my Stepmother's funeral. Please continue to pray for my Dad as he is grieving. Also, there were a lot of family there that do not know Christ as their Saviour. Please continue to pray that the seed of the Gospel that was planted at the funeral would take root in their heart.

Also, on March 24th, Jessica, our oldest daughter and piano player, got married at our sending church in NC. As our family flew back to NC for a couple of weeks, it sure was a blessing to be able to spend some time with our family as well as our church family. Please pray for Jessica and Matthew Wyatt, that they would keep the Lord first in their lives and continue to serve Him.

I have also had to purchase some equipment to clear the snow out of our parking lot to avoid having to cancel a lot of services. We had to personally finance this equipment. The total for everything was around \$21,000. We were able to pay \$7,000 up front and finance about \$14,000. Please help us pray that we would be able to take care of this debt quickly. If you or your church would like to help financially, please contact me for details on where to send the check.

We are very thankful for your prayers and financial support. It is because of the goodness of God and the prayers and support of His people that we are able to do the work that He has called us to.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

In His Service,
Allen, Angie, Justin, Jordan, Jenny, and Julia