

September 30, 2019

***"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."***

Psalm 19:1 (NKJV)

I was at choir practice last Wednesday evening. We were singing a song called, "I Will Do The Same". It begins, "The heavens declare Your Glory and I will do the same." My focus left the song as my thoughts turned to the very great privilege given to us: that of choosing to declare the glory of the Lord! Out of all of Creation, only mankind has been given the choice to declare God's glory. With the exception of us, every created thing moves/acts in obedience to the way it was created to be. Whether we consider the God-choreographed dance of the universe or the early morning song of a bird in the treetops, every created thing testifies, to us, of the eternal power and divine nature of God (Romans 1:20). And this "Song of Creation" speaks of God's wisdom, providence, benevolence, and watchcare over us. However, the harmony of this hymn is incomplete without our part. For it is only mankind that can experience then declare the grace of God.

Grace. God's unmerited favor toward us. It is undeserved because of our sin, yet God declared we were worthy to receive His grace when, at the proper time, He sent His Son to live and die for us (Gal 4:4). ". . . by grace you have been saved through faith. . . the gift of God. . ." (Ephesians 2:8).

Only mankind, created in the image of their Creator, could choose to deny God. Only God, the Creator, would choose to restore man to his proper purpose of loving, worshipping, and obeying the One who loves us and longs to fit us both for life and eternity (John 10:10). And only we, those who have been saved by His grace, can complete the harmony of Creation's hymn to God. How do we do this? By declaring the Gospel of the grace of our Lord to all who will hear and by living His Purpose for our lives to His Glory. "All of Creation testifies. . .", the song says at the end of the refrain. Will you do the same?

Our time in Kansas with the John 3:16 Horseshoe Ministry was a blessing. We served with them for six days this year. Before I go any further, I would like to thank Carl and Jenny Brown for their gracious hospitality. Thank you for opening your home to us during our time in Kansas. Friendship is a precious thing and we are thankful to count you as friends. You two are a blessing for which we are truly grateful.

Our time on mission with the Horseshoe Ministry was one of unity and fellowship in the service of the Lord as we worked together in our purpose: proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ! I have written before that, "Together, we can do more.", and serving with this group reinforces this truth. In all, there were 75 decisions during this outreach in Kansas! More than 60 of these were professions to receive Jesus as Lord! The others expressed their desire for a renewed walk with the Lord and rededicated their lives to Him! Please be in prayer for all of these as well as those who will follow up with them. Pray also for Brothers Carl and Theo who are now leading out with this mission. May they receive man's favor and act with God's wisdom as they continue in their service to the Lord.

We returned home in time to repack and head To Springfield, IL for the CISM training we mentioned in our last newsletter. We spent two days in this training, which is required for those seeking to work with Disaster Relief (DR) groups in the role of Chaplain. Cindy and I both believe that this was time well spent; what we learned will apply to encounters with others we meet whose lives are in crisis beyond the scope of DR. And we are confident that the Lord will use it for His Glory.

On the 28th, we headed to Effingham, IL to join Pastor Tony Munoz and the Brothers and Sisters of Iglesia Bautista Latina as they reached out to their community in celebration of 13 years as a congregation. Other churches and groups also came alongside to celebrate with them and to help them in their efforts to make this outreach the best it could be for the Lord and their community. Cindy and I went to pass out Bibles, tracts, and share the Gospel. A young man named Daniel came to me and asked me to teach him how to share the Gospel. Thankful for his desire to be obedient to the Lord in this area, I shared a basic outline and Scriptures with Daniel. Then I watched as he began to share the truth of the Gospel with everyone who would listen. What a blessing!

Another young man named Nick stopped as I asked him whether or not he knew for sure he would be in heaven when his life was over. After answering, "I have no idea.", Nick sat down with me to hear the Gospel. I watched as the Holy Spirit brought conviction into his life as Nick heard the word of the Lord regarding salvation. Nick responded in faith; he is now your Brother in Christ! Giving him in a New Testament, I spent some time with Nick in basic discipleship. Right before he walked away, Nick said, "Thank you for talking with me. I appreciate it."

Please pray for these two young men as the Potter shapes them for life, both here and in eternity. Pray also for Pastor Tony and your Brothers and Sisters at Iglesia Bautista Latina. May He grant them unity in service for His glory!

We ask for your prayers for the following continuing/upcoming opportunities to serve the Lord for His Glory:

- **Bible Study** - The Bible Study Cindy is leading, "Becoming a Titus 2 Woman", has begun. Pray for the women as they seek insight from the Lord regarding this aspect of a Christian woman's ministry.
- **Hillman Ferry Outreach** - We will be serving as campground Chaplains at Hillman Ferry in the Land Between The Lakes area of Kentucky from October 4th-6th. During this time we will be on site to minister to the needs of the campers. We will also be sharing the Gospel with them and hold Sunday service for those who come together for worship.
- **Disaster Relief Training** (Oct. 18-19) - This is a continuation of the training necessary to meet SBC Disaster Relief volunteer requirements.
- **A Time to Ring** - We will be setting our schedule to "ring in" Christmas alongside the Salvation Army. Typically, we begin this facet of our ministry in November and continue until Christmas. If you would like to join us for a day or a time, please contact one of us. Our numbers are at the top of this newsletter.
- **Superbowl Outreach 2020** (1/30-2/02) - I will be serving with a team from Sports Fan Outreach International (SFOI) to preach the Gospel to the Superbowl crowd in Miami. Please pray for Holy Spirit conviction upon those who hear the Gospel. Pray also for our team leader, Evangelist Joe Toy, our team, and all the others teams from SFOI and other groups that will be proclaiming the Gospel to the crowds.
- **Mardi Gras 2020** (Feb. 20-26) - Please be in prayer as preparations begin for this outreach. Men, if you have never been a part of this outreach and the Lord is calling you to join us, contact me.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Everything the Lord calls us to do is done with your help and we are truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. Likewise, if you or your church believe we could be of service to you as regards your evangelistic efforts, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

*Dennis & Cindy Mohr*

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