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Dear Friends,

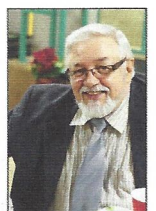
We have been ultra-busy over the last few months. Most of what has occurred seemed good; however, we know that the parts that did not seem good were for our good and for God's glory.

It has been four months now and I still have kidney stones. The specialist's procedure failed. After the procedure, my pain rose from an 8 to a 10. At least, in the last month, the pain is nearly gone; though, it has been replaced with inflammation and nausea. Mostly, I've been able to keep up with the work of the ministry.

Only after the specialist shot sound waves into my kidney for 25 minutes was I out of commission for three days. Those days happened during our June evangelistic campaign, limiting our work 1 ½ days. I did what I could. Four of us were able to get out 800 understandjohn316.com pamphlets into people's hands. Our church had a visitor, and several sister churches from Burnaby had visitors as well. From the 27,000 flyers handed out, there were 433 visits over 6 days to the 2 sites that presented the gospel in many languages. To illustrate this result, there were 22 who watched videos in Chinese languages, 13 in Arabic, 76 in Tagalog, and 13 in German. There were 13 other languages that had been watched from 10 different countries.



Our church services have been attended by several visitors in the past months. Some had been invited by our members. I've begun teaching a Sunday school series on the ABCs of Christian life, which has been well attended. 5 adults that are new to Sunday school have been coming regularly for the extra training. Another exciting turn has occurred since we began the AGBC Great Memory Verse Challenge. This contest has a list of verses that count for points when said or written before a tester. Since the goal is mastery, a person receives points again for saying verses each month, plus they receive extra points for mastery. There are prizes related to Bible study, like highlighters, Bible tabs, coffee, wall hangings with Bible quotes. I am excited that several people told me that they could not participate, but I found that they are memorizing verses. Our church body did receive a painful loss in the beginning of July. One of our founding members, Larry Weatherbee went home to God. He had been instrumental in helping us with some of the set up of Abounding Grace Baptist Church. Many of our people over the years came to church because of his influence or invitation. Several of our out reaches were due to his help. He helped get our successful 2010 Winter Olympic torch run distribution set up. He got us involved in using the Pocket Testament League pocket sized copies of the book of John. He also, started the bread ministry, which has been a real material help in our community. More importantly, that ministry has brought dozens of people in to church services, and several have been saved and baptized. Larry Weatherbee was also a good friend. Please, pray for our church as we go through the mourning stages and while we rejoice that he is no longer in pain. I also need prayer as I tend to his few surviving relatives and to his earthly effects.



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