



March-April 2018

Dear Friends,

So far, I've been keeping pace with my New Year's plan for 2018. I'm keeping up with the personal exercise, checking off things on my family plans, and it has been good to see my ministry goals being met, also. All the while, I try to remind myself that my goals are not as important as the Lord's will. I must adjust to His desires. I've been joyous at the opportunities that the Lord has directed me to over the last few months of ministry. Several church members have passed along requests from families for me to visit their loved ones in hospital. Two of those in hospital were non-believers on their death beds. I shared the Gospel with them, as did several other church members. Sadly, neither seems to have accepted Christ before they passed away. The good thing is that I was able to observe and pray, as two of our church members proved their training by witnessing and praying with the invalids and their families. I also addressed eight individuals, who had come from Saskatchewan. I gave them the Gospel at a hospital chapel, and I visited them several times to comfort them. They told other church members, that I had been just what they needed. I rather hope that I was of eternal help to them.

Through personal evangelism, I have been able to give the Gospel, in part or whole, to sixteen individuals. This is beside the distribution of Gospels of John and tracts or preaching. Recently, I crossed paths with a Chinese gentleman named Caron and his young son. They had been out of their church for several months, and they lived way out in Burnaby. I remembered our previous success at getting a Chinese family to attend our sister church in Burnaby, where they were saved and baptized. So, I helped Caron look up Metro Baptist Church. After exchanging information, I followed up with a phone call. He has signed up to attend in the second week of April.

Also, pray for Nelly, who attended with a church member for the first time several years ago. She did not like the Bible preaching and complained to her friend all the way home. About a half year later, Nelly came to a Valentine fellowship, and heard me speak on the love of God. She seemed to change her mind about me and my preaching. Attending sporadically with her friend since then, she has become more and more congenial. Nelly came by herself for our Resurrection Day service. She cried during the preaching and asked many questions about why Jesus had to die as He did. We answered her questions and gave her her first Bible. She is close to salvation.

I cannot wait to share other news about planned future evangelism opportunities, but it will have to be in the next letter.

Serving the Lord,

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