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# THE HODGES

Missionaries to OKLAHOMA "Native America"



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's..." "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him." Psalm 103:1-5, 10-11.**

This is a marvelous psalm to remind us what an immeasurable, wonderful, merciful God and heavenly Father we have the privilege to serve!

The past few months have been challenging in multiple ways, yet still we count our blessings one by one and rejoice in remembering the goodness and mercy that continue to follow us inspite of ourselves, society, and Satan, that wretched enemy. It has been refreshing to me to enjoy some recent services and listening to saved folk in the church testifying and bragging on the LORD. For several years, we have encouraged our little handful of purpose, the church folk, to put to memory a chapter from the bible, one verse each week, and we recite it together before Sunday school on Sunday morning. The past 10 weeks we've worked on Psalm 146 and being led of the Lord to work on this one, it sure has seemed to do a work in hearts. We started working on Psalm 95 this past Sunday and with a meeting scheduled for **May 21-25th**, we are praying for revival, a true awakening of spirit and soul to be stirred in service for our blessed Redeemer! We are praying much for the communities around us; so many dads, moms, sons, daughters, etc. that are completely numb to the glorious works of the grace and mercy of the LORD. Like one dear, ole preacher said, "You could throw a ball into Hell and multitudes would chase after it but you can't get folk to come and sit in a church house to hear the gospel." We sure need your prayers for this meeting. We need revival here and across the United States of America. So many say, "I'm ok", "I've been baptized", and it grieves and burdens my heart when I visit with folks and they have been rocked to sleep by the enemy and are numb to the fact of, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Please pray for this upcoming meeting, Lord willing, **May 21-25th**. Pray for the man of God to be filled with the Holy Spirit and for dead spirits to be quickened, darkened minds to be enlightened with the light of the glorious gospel, for sinners to be saved and saints to be stirred up and speak up for the cause of Christ!

A young couple came back and visited with us Easter Sunday. Stanley is in his 30's and LaShawn, his wife, their little boy and newborn baby girl. Stanley seemed to listen intently and really followed along in the scriptures. They are both lost and not married. Please remember them and pray for their salvation.

Brother Cody and Sister Brandi continue to go to New Hope Baptist Church from time to time. Brother Cody preaches the 11:00 am Sunday morning service and Sister Brandi plays the piano. They both continue to grow in the LORD and it's a real blessing to me. His mom, Ms. Linda, that got saved in the arbor meeting last October, has gotten faithful in an Independant Baptist Church in Lawton, OK, which is 3 hours from us. We are all praying for God's direction and leadership for Brother Cody and Sister Brandi. They both love serving their dear Lord.

We decided to go as a church to the rest home to visit with Sister Rosemary, who is now in her 60's. (This mission work started in her home.) We were crossing the parking lot when a fellow approached me and said his pastor (Southern Baptist) couldn't make it. He asked, "Could you folks fill in?" We were planning on singing Choctaw hymns to Sister Rosemary in her room so I asked the staff if they could bring her out with everyone else and they did. It was a wonderful blessing. I led the singing and asked Brother Cody to share the gospel with them. I did do a bit of preaching between songs. :) We sang English hymns and Choctaw hymns as well. It was a time of sweet liberty worshipping our Saviour with those dear, mostly elderly, folks. There were a few that smiled and sang along with us. There was an older Choctaw lady that had lost part of her leg to diabetes who had come regularly to the church years ago. She smiled and enjoyed singing the Choctaw hymns with us. There are so many Choctaws that were rebels in their 20's when we first came out here and now they are still living sinful, selfish lives in their late 30's and early 40's. I find myself praying often anymore, "Whatever it's going to take, Lord, just please get hold of them." The LORD knows who they are and there are several that we've tried to reach. They need your prayers.

We would like to close out this letter by sharing a tremendous blessing to Robin and myself. We've had to deal with termites every spring falling out of our ceiling although our house was treated before we bought it and a few years after (long story). But with continuing problems, I had to call the termite guy. He came, gave me a price and my jaw dropped. I told him, "Well, we will pray about it and I'll call you tomorrow, Lord willing." In less than an hour after Robin and I praying over our lunch in public about this \$2,000 need, God supplied! It was quite the tearful blessing! I told our little handful of purpose Wednesday night, "You cannot outgive God." We love and appreciate each and every one of you, from the youngest to the eldest, that pray for us and give. We pray for you often! **"Bless the LORD, O my soul and forget not all his benefits:" Psalm 103:2. "To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever." Jude 25.**

By His Grace and for His Glory,

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*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." ~ Psalm 126:6*