

April 2014 News Update

April 29, 2014

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you very much for your part in helping us serve the Lord in this fruitful place. We are keenly aware that your offerings represent sacrificial giving.

5-Day Bible Clubs: Last week we held our annual Five-Day Bible Clubs. Our people went to 23 different areas of our cities holding open-air meetings, focusing on children who normally would not be able or allowed to attend our church. 1,557 people attended and 1,034 trusted Christ as Savior! A great deal of work and expense went into these results. These "numbers" represent lives that were reached with your help.

Great Day at Church: We are praising the Lord was a wonderful day at church last Sunday, April 28. 797 people attended our morning service, with 114 people making public their profession of faith in Christ. Much of this is the result of the Bible Clubs that we had during the week leading up to Sunday. Getting the gospel out to the lost is the greatest job in the world!

Graduation Time: Institute graduation is just around the corner. Another group of people will finish this phase of their preparation and will go to different places to extend the gospel in areas that would never hear the gospel without the lives of these dear people. Again, thank you for the part you have had in the training and forming of these lives. Our graduates are making an impact on the spread of the gospel all over the world.

Our son Stephen, 43, was in a serious car accident: Pray for our son, Stephen. He was in an auto accident on Thursday, April, 17. He spent eight days in the hospital, but is back home, recovering satisfactorily. I mention this because sometimes incorrect information is spread in the social media, and I wanted you to get the facts straight.

Surgery Scheduled for Brenda: Brenda is scheduled for surgery this week. Two years ago, the doctors used a mesh to help reinforce an abdominal hernia. That mesh has since become infected and Brenda's body is rejecting it. She has been so sick lately, and with the lupus, we just assumed that the symptoms were part of this incurable disease. Please pray for Brenda. We believe that taking care of this infection will greatly improve her health. Pray that the Lord will supply all our needs regarding this.

Thank you, again, for supporting us in your prayers and giving. May God continue to bless you for your generosity.

Yours for souls,
Tommy Ashcraft

Update for Stephen and Brenda's Health:

Stephen is slowly recovering from several broken and dislocated bones. He will be scheduled for surgery soon to put his collar bone and right shoulder back in place. Please pray for him. He is still in much pain.

Brenda came through her surgery on May 2 just fine and is doing well. We will be visiting with her Mom and Dad who are both 88 years old. Her Dad is in extremely poor health. Please pray for Jesse and Ozell Maynard of Lubbock, Texas.