

Monthly Report

Warne, NC.



December 19, 2011

Dear Brethren,

Greetings from North Carolina.

Laverne and I are both in good health, although we will be doing the rounds with various doctors in Asheville as well as the local ones for the next couple of days. Heart specialists, monitoring of the pacemaker, tests to see if any negative complications can be detected from a medication I use. It seems the government determined that yearly checkups are to be done on patients using amiodarone, a medication to help reduce the false pulses from scar tissue around the heart. Lung tests and x-rays to determine the extent of the damage of the medication will be done on the 20th in Asheville. I am concerned because my lungs have been giving me problems this past year. Keep us in your prayers, please.

The Warne congregation is at peace and we are enjoying a wonderful December with mild weather. Our new visitors from Florida are now regularly attending services and we thoroughly enjoy their presence. Another family moved into the area, more specific the Copper Basin, which is about 50 miles West of Hayesville, our main town in the county. Although they indicated their wish to visit with us, we have not met with them yet. We remain hopeful that the distance would not be a hindrance. One placed membership and he is a great encouragement to us all. Of course, he has been put to good use in helping with the service responsibilities. In my previous report, mention was made of the husband of one of our members who began attending services. He attends regularly although his health has been poor.

The study programs have been scaled back with our men's class until January and our Tuesday study with the Shooting Creek congregation postponed until next year. We have been able to help them for the past two years and our hope and prayers are that we can continue to assist and stand in as they have needs. They are few in number and some are not in good health. There are some of them, including a non member who will worship with us at Warne on Wednesday evening. They need our prayers. I am grateful to have a break in the schedule and am working ahead on my study and outline material.

This time of the year many of our members travel, visit family and friends and many come our way to get away from their busy schedules. Laverne and I also hope to take a break for five days, to visit with some of our children.

In my previous report mention was made of a young man who was in critical condition in the hospital due to an accident while under the influence of drugs. Sadly, he passed away shortly after I sent out the report.

As I close this final report for 2011, I wish to thank you all for the encouragement, notes, cards, letters and emails which are so very much appreciated. Our thanks also to those who continue to support our efforts here in the mountains of North Carolina. Your generosity, prayers and interest are so much appreciated. I mentioned that I lost support over the past year and am grateful to report that we received a new commitment from a generous family to help in this regard. How can we ever express our gratitude to this kindness and interest in our work for the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless all in their service to Him and your support to us.

Our best wishes to all for the New Year. Although we do not have tomorrow, our desires and wishes are to continue to do His will and our hope is that you will continue your service in His Kingdom and have much success in spreading the Good News. You are always in our prayers.

In Christ, always,

Sakkie and Laverne Pretorius