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Dear Pastor, Church, and All Supporters;

Ac 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Ac 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

Ac 13:4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

I greet each of you in Jesus' Name, it has been some time since I have written a 'official' mission report not because I don't have anything to say but I must from time to time determine if it is worthy and profitable to you the reader.



Firstly, I want to say I thank the LORD for each of you who faithfully continue to support the furtherance of our LORD'S Kingdom through your efforts and my life surrendered to HIM. I want to thank each of you (and you know who you are and what you do for HIM) for your sacrificial giving.

I will pick it up from where I left off in the last mission report. The past few months have been a bit unsettled for me however I will LORD willing try to share with you what I believe would be of interest to you, the reader, supporter and friend of this mission work.

I will start from the month of September and bring you up to date, I was able to secure the 'new mission lease' in PNG during the month of August of which, I have already explained in the last report sent out. This enabled me to legally submit documentation to the Authorities in PNG whilst I was there in August. As in most third-world countries, legal proceedings run slow and patience is the key. Different people have different ideas about GOD'S will and purpose in a given matter, but at the end of the day you will continue to hear from me...we MUST practice the doctrine of 'GOD'S Sovereignty' as much as we preach it.

As in the past, I have tried to follow the LORD'S will with the 'knowledge' that I do have and the evidence, which supports that. This time was no different and as I knew we were waiting for the paperwork to go through the proper channels I felt that I needed to do something more (don't we all feel this way)?

Therefore, I made plans to go ahead and return to PNG on a temporary visa which would allow me to continue with the mission work and perhaps in the process of time the LORD would open the doors whilst we were there.

Bear with me as I again relate a story about 'two kinds of prayers', Two farmers were praying for rain, the first went out and plowed his fields and prepared his seed, whilst praying for rain. The second farmer stayed in his house praying for rain, yet did nothing. When the LORD finally sent rain, the first farmer had seed in the soil, it germinated and produced a crop, and he had a good harvest. The second farmer prayed up to the timing of the rain and then was ready to prepare the fields, but they were too wet and the rains continued. He tried planting in the heavy rains but the rains washed away the seed and the soil and he had no harvest. Later he asked of his neighbour in the harvest for food.

Tell me which of the two had 'faith' and exercised that faith with works? And so it is today with you and I.

I can sit home and pray and do nothing, or I can 'put legs on the prayers' and try to do what I know to do. Perhaps we all don't agree on what to do with the (if's) in life.

Another point I want to share, when I remarried, I already 'counted the cost' and knew that many things would change in my life as well as the mission work. One of those areas would be expense, and all whom are married and or have families know that is simply a fact of life and we all deal with it as we can in how the LORD prospers us.

Near the third week of Oct I made plans to make a trip over to PNG with my wife and so we prepared for this and set off to PNG. We did not know exactly how long we would be there, but went prepared for a short while, and was prepared for a long stay.

Allow me to digress in order to share with you some other interesting things which, the LORD has brought to pass, according to 'HIS will' and HIS Sovereignty'.



A couple years ago 2014 the LORD brought some people into my life, US Military personal who offered helicopter training and I wrote much about all this. I have received enough training to test



for my solo pilot's License but have not done so simply because of cost, and time at this point. The helicopter fund is still going, and we are still following the LORD'S will in this area. This being said, through this exercise of training several of the contacts were men who professed to be of the 'family of GOD', and became interested in the mission work. I was able to show the slide presentation and talk to a large group of Soldiers about the work. Some showed interest in wanting to support in whatever capacity they could and asked more about the way we do mission work.

My answer is today, what it was then, and will be in the future... I believe our N.T. example for mission work today is (Acts 13) 'GOD called, church sent, H.S. led'. No one had Paul's itinerary except the H.S. and by today's reasoning Paul would loose support because he never stayed in one place long enough. Perhaps that may have been one of the reasons Paul 'worked with his own hands'.

Through the months, which have passed I have stayed in contact with some of these men, and this is now where I want to share with you what the LORD has brought to fruition. My first trip in Aug to PNG, was financed by some of those who I have met and they wanted to contribute to the mission work and offered to take care of my ticket. There was another chap who had gone with me and he was interested in doing work in PNG and asked if I would assist him where needed. I concurred and stated that as long as I would not become derailed (as though it were) from the work. Therefore I want all to know that my ticket to PNG in Aug was not purchased with (any) mission funds or support money!

It is October and I am making plans to make another trip to PNG, once again 'our tickets' my wife and I were purchased by some of these men who have showed an interest in the mission work and our lives. Therefore, they purchased our tickets and again no 'mission or support money' was used in this exercise.

Is all this important to share? Maybe, maybe not, you determine as a reader or supporter.

I know for some 'money' becomes a pivotal point' in many issues, I have written some about this in past reports about my position on 'money' when GOD who is the author of it all puts it into our care.

From the third week of Oct through the third week of Dec my wife and I were in PNG and engaged in the mission work. The LORD used that time for HIS glory and for the good of HIS people.

I took several pictures of different activities of the work





at that time and will figure out a way to share them with you.

One way for you to view the pictures is to visit the mission website at (www.sgbm-africa-malawi.com) a dear friend of mine Elder David Green who is pastor of the Sovereign Grace Baptist Church in Mansfield, OH assists me in the website publishing.

Again, whilst we were there in PNG, I checked on the paperwork and as you might find it interesting, the documentation was not yet processed. Therefore we just do what we know to do, and then we 'wait' on the LORD. I will try to put together a picture report for you and so therefore I will not deliberate much at this point as I believe you will enjoy more the picture story with some explanation.

We spent just sixty days in PNG this time and due to some circumstances surrounding me mum I felt that I needed to return to the USA in order to assist her. Mum is 83 now and there was a much discussed and prayed over decision between our family members about moving mum from where she currently lives in N.W. Alabama to Nashville, TN where two of my brothers are working and living.

Perhaps there are some that can understand what I mean when I say, in every family there seems to be one sibling that gets caught with more of everything in family business, right or wrong but that seems to be the way it is.

I will close with some thoughts, for every preacher, pastor, and or missionary reading this, for every husband, father, and man... Did Adam make the wrong decision in the garden of Eden? Did GOD hold him responsible for headship, leadership, and ultimately for the sin of the human race? Are not these things written in Scripture for our learning? And at the end of the day, who does The LORD hold responsible for every family?



I have recently received my paper work from the PNG government and all seems to be in order, I must now submit the documentation for my wife but understand that this will be a rather simplified process as they base all rulings on what is approved for the man.

May you consider what I have had to say, and The LORD give you understanding.
In His Name,
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