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## From the desk of Ronald Stringer

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Dear Brethren:

I am very appreciative for what you do for me each month by way of support for me and my family. I'm thankful to have this fellowship with you as I work here in Sherman.

This summer has been very busy for me both personally and in my work. I apologize that I am just now sending a letter for the last couple of months, but I have been short on time. It is my fault that I am tardy, and I ask your forgiveness for that. I will strive to do better in the future. My daughter, Paley, has had debilitating headaches that we have been going to various doctors about this summer. We have been to pediatricians, Neurologists, the emergency room, chiropractors, hypnotists, and massage therapists. She is thankfully much better than she has been, but I have been taking her to all of these appointments and spending time in the ER with her for the past 2 months. I would appreciate your prayers on her behalf as she started school back today. Again, she is much, much better than she was with the medications she is on. Also, nothing is seriously wrong because all the tests came back negative except for minor epilepsy shown by the EEG. We are grateful that she doesn't have anything serious.

As far as my work here...The man I studied with who I met at the Renaissance as I have been teaching classes there each Thursday also began to come to my home for one-on-one studies. We began looking at the church and how it is arranged, as well as how to become a part of the church. Based upon our studies, he decided that he wanted to be baptized. I had gone over and over with him the necessity of baptism in order to be saved, and he seemed to understand. When he came forward, I talked to him again and he was able to explain to me why he wanted to be baptized. We had extensive studies on this. So, we baptized him into Christ, and he was thrilled. He was so excited to be a Christian and to be a part of us. He was excited about working with us and growing as a child of God.

However, for reasons I don't quite understand, he never came back. I don't know if he talked to people who discouraged him, something happened in his personal life, or what, but no matter how much I have texted or called, I get no response. The other brethren are also trying to reach him and to see what is wrong. I know that he is around because he posts everyday throughout the day on Facebook. We are praying that we can reach him and get him back into the fold. The devil snatched him back as soon as he became obedient. He wasn't grounded enough to withstand whatever pulled him back to the world.

On a happier note, a gentleman who grew up attending Westwood Village in the 60's and 70's has finally come back. He went the way of the world after leaving home and has been that way for much of his life. He had been baptized in the past but did not remain faithful. A couple of months ago he started attending our services, sitting on the very back pew. He would come in right when we started and leave immediately after. I made it a point, as well as a few other brothers, to go by him right before we started and welcome him. As weeks passed, I was able to have conversations with him and learn a little about him along. He started out just coming Sunday morning for worship then gradually started coming Sunday night and then Wednesday night. Through this time, we were able to have lengthy conversations. He explained that he knew he needed to be back faithful again. He said that he wanted to be a faithful member again and to start living according to God's word. He had been listening to a lot of sermons (ex. the late Phil Roberts old sermons) as well as the sermons he heard each week from me. He has now repented and is a faithful member of our congregation. He even led a song at our last singing night we had.

It's sad that our new brother fell away so quickly but we rejoice as another new brother becomes a part of us and of the Lord's church. We keep working to gain souls. I am still teaching at the Renaissance every Thursday and at least a few are able to hear the gospel being taught. I hope to start studying more with John, our brother who has come home. He wants to so that he can learn more about the

Bible and the teachings of Christ. Opportunities are there and we are trying to find them. It is our goal to spread the gospel in this community and we are working hard to try to do so. While growth is slow, it is thrilling to see just one soul saved!

Thank you for all that you do for me and for the love that you show me. Thank you for your understanding and your prayers. You are always in my prayers.

Brotherly,

Ronald Stringer

Westwood Village-Sherman, TX-\$4,617.00

Campbell Rd.-Garland, TX-\$600.00

Southside-Mt. Pleasant, TX-\$200.00

Southside-Sulphur Springs, TX-\$500.00

San Marcos-San Marcos, TX-\$1000.00