



Traveling for the Lord, Jim and Donna Smith

July-August 2016

16 Responses in July and August

After leaving Red River, New Mexico around the first of July, Jim and Donna went to Artesia, NM, at the invitation of one of the members there, Lee Mallett. Lee is encouraging the congregation there to have a campaign and asked for our help. We took a few people out door-knocking to let them experience it, but it was hard to find anyone at home and we had only a few days to spend there. Jim gave some lessons on After Care that Sunday. On the Fourth of July Lee invited a couple over to eat who he had visiting with and we were able to get into a spiritual conversation with them. They allowed Jim to present the Gospel to them and they both obeyed it in baptism. After we got home Lee was able to present the Gospel to their daughter. After that a wedding was held for her and her fiancé and right after the wedding Lee then baptized both of them.



We were home for the rest of July. During this time we did more in the prisons. We both taught classes and baptized several of the prisoners. So far this year 649 men and women have obeyed the Gospel.

We spent the first two weeks of August in Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where there is a small congregation of about 30 members. We started with three couples, but after three days one couple had to return home due to a death in the family. That left two couples to continue the Sojourn.



Trying to spread the good news of the Gospel is hard in this area of the United States. There is much indifference to the Bible in this part of the country. We had more people tell us that they did not think they were going to heaven when they died and that it did not bother them. One young man, Dustin, said

that he did not even believe in God. Jim was able to bring him from unbelief to believing that Jesus is God's Son and that He rose from the grave. He then wanted to participate in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection by being baptized. In all, we knocked 224 doors and were able to present the Gospel to 31 people. Out of those, seven obeyed the Gospel and one lady was restored back to Jesus.



One Saturday while in Pennsylvania Donna and some of the ladies from the congregation traveled to Tunkhannock, PA, about a 3 hour drive from Lewistown, for a Ladies' Day program. This is a very small church that is being planted but there is no local minister. Two ladies are the only members at this time. It is very sad to see the desire these ladies have to see the church grow without anyone to help them. Another church planting is in

Sayre, PA. The church in Lewistown is trying to establish these congregations more firmly but they will need a lot of help. If you would like to help plant one of these churches this would be a beautiful place to work and some beautiful people to work with.

We had a few days to travel to Huntsville, Alabama, so we stopped a few times to see the sights. We went to Gettysburg and toured the battlefield. That was very interesting. We then explored a cave and after that saw some interesting natural formations, including a natural bridge. On Wednesday night we went to the North Athens congregation in Athens, Alabama, to visit with them about having a campaign next year. We then went on to Huntsville.

We had a Gospel Sharing Ministries campaign at Huntsville, Alabama, at the Farley Church of Christ. We had a great turnout from the congregation there and were able to knock on 580 doors and found 211 people home. We presented the Gospel to 31 people and 6 of those obeyed the Gospel.



Future plans are to do a Sojourn in Palestine, TX, then attend Camp Bee in Marshall for the annual Sojourner meeting. Thank you so much for all you do for us.

Remember, without you it would only be a dream.

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