

October-December 2022

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings to everyone. This last quarter has definitely been a busy one. We started the month in Missions Conference at White Oak Independent Baptist Church in Warrior, AL. While we were there, Benjamin wrote a new song that I believe everyone will enjoy. It's titled "Go Ask the Blood." We have recently started working on our next CD and "Go Ask the Blood" will be on it. One of the lines in the song says: "I'd say go ask my sins, but they're gone without a trace." Hallelujah! What a blessing to know I am forgiven through the blood of Jesus Christ, Praise the LORD! After Alabama, we had several meetings in Florida. We spent two weeks in Florida and were blessed to sing and preach in meetings in 6 different churches. After our final meeting in Florida we made our way back to West Memphis, AR for four days of campmeeting. We then spent the rest of the month in Missions Conference at North Spoon Baptist Church in Poplarville, MS. Pastor Billy Ray Bond and the good people of North Spoon took us on for monthly support. This is an answer to prayer. We have been praying some churches would begin to take us on for support. We now have two supporting churches. With the rising fuel and food prices, this greatly helps us in the ministry God has called us to.

In November, from North Spoon, we drove just a few miles down the road to McNeil, MS, for Campmeeting at First Baptist Church. Bro. Russell and his folks are great hosts, and we enjoyed the meeting. We're looking forward to being back and helping in their tent meeting this spring. From McNeil we drove over to Seminole, AL for a revival meeting. We were blessed to sing and preach during the meeting. Bro. and Mrs. Vick were very kind to let us stay in their home for the week. After the revival in Alabama, we drove up to Indiana. We sang and preached in a Prayer themed revival at Victorious Life Baptist Church in Shelbyville, IN. The meeting was a great blessing to us. The time in study leading up to the meeting was also a great help in our lives. It's amazing what God will show you when you spend time studying on and practicing prayer. We are thankful to Rushmore Baptist Temple in Rushmore, IN for allowing us to stay in their prophet's chambers during the meeting and allowing us to come preach and sing in their Sunday evening service. After the meeting in Indiana, we were able to return home to Arkansas and spend one full day in the recording studio. We managed to get three songs down and have scheduled another day in the studio just after Christmas. It will take another four or five days in the studio to complete the album at a cost of \$900 per day. We hope to have it done by the middle of next year if time allows. I've been asked by some about pre-selling CD's, but because I don't have a definite date when we will finish the project, I'm going to hold off on any preorders. The Sunday after Thanksgiving we sang and preached at Parkwood Baptist Church in Greenville, SC and then returned home to Arkansas and finished out the month in revival with our friends at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Calico Rock, AR.

The first week of December we sang and preached in a Revival Meeting at Truth Independent Baptist Church in Adamsville, AR. We've had two meetings cancel this month, which has allowed us a week home to spend some time enjoying the Christmas season with our family. Our home church, Arbanna Baptist Church, has been a special blessing to us and we are very thankful for our church family. We are scheduled to be at Fellowship Baptist Church in Maryville, TN, Dec 29-30, for their youth meeting, and Lord willing, we will finish out the year at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Huron, TN. 2023 is lined up to be a very busy year. You can find our schedule on our website, <u>www.ellisfamilygospelministries.com</u>. Please pray that God will allow us to be used of Him in the coming year. Please also pray with us as we ask God to send in the funds for us to make a mission trip to Mongolia next July. All seven of us will be going and there are many opportunities to minister while in the country.

Prayer requests -

- Souls We thank God for the souls we've seen saved this year, help us pray for many more.
- Mission trip to Mongolia in July 2023 we need to raise around \$20k for tickets and related expense. We have had just under \$3700 come in so far.
- Travel Safety we travel many thousands of miles per month.
- Van Our van has over 260,000 miles. It has some issues, but God is miraculously holding it together. Because of current inflation it will take \$40-50K to replace it with one with less than 70k miles.
- Monthly Support We currently have two churches that support us monthly. It is a great help to our ministry.
- Radio Gospel Ads Our gospel ads run on the Rock, Country, and Talk radio stations in Mountain Home, AR at a cost of \$360/month. We have been offered 100 ads per month for the first three months of 2023 at a reduced rate of \$325/month.

Pray the ads are effective in reaching people in that area.

Thank you for your praying for us,

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