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Dear Brethren,

Greetings!

Hello, fellow laborers in the Gospel. We pray the Lord has blessed your 2012 so far. Are you “forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead”? Always “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:13-14).

Just a little over 100 days remain before we arrive in New Zealand! It feels like yesterday we had an entire year ahead of us for preparations! The Lord is doing wonderful things.

Visa Application

The 116 pages of our visa applications have now been completed. We were informed in January that we are not permitted to apply for our visas until three months or less before our arrival date. Our hopes are to arrive in New Zealand on the 21st of June, so we will send off the applications on the 21st of this month. We are very grateful to Dr. Drew Eason from Selmer, TN; Antony Raine; and the rest of the Wellington, NZ, church for their help in this process. Please be praying for our visa application process.

Fundraising Progress

We are pleased to present some progress concerning our fundraising. With the help of Carl and Adeline Cumings (two Christians in Wellington, New Zealand), we have been blessed to reevaluate our budget. After their consultation, we were able to shave off about 21% of our *one-time* budget and 13% of our *monthly* budget.

In the last newsletter (January), we reported that we had obtained 33% of what we

need in *one-time* support, and 24% of what we need in *monthly* support. Accounting for the budget revisions and our further fundraising, we can report that we have officially reached 100% of our one-time budget! God be praised! As pleased as we are with this news, we can only report that we have raised 39% of what we need monthly. I refrain from using the word *only*, because I know that the word *only* should never be used around our Lord (see Matt. 14:17-21)!

We currently have enough funds to *arrive* in New Zealand, but we do not have enough to *stay* there yet. We know God does wonderful things, so we are not worried. Our expectation is that He plans to do wonderful things through His saints, so we keep calling, visiting, and sending. I am currently making 25 to 30 phone calls per week and visiting the post office daily in order to send packets to churches, families, and individuals who are interested in supporting mission work. If you know of any that we should contact, please let us know. As far as churches go, we would love to have the name of the best person to contact (elder, missions committee) and a phone number.

We are told that we “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). We have been diligently fundraising for nine months now, and we have three months before we depart. Considering the pattern, it seems we will not have nearly enough monthly support when June comes. We do not plan to allow that factor to keep us from New Zealand! Although we have reached our one-time budget, we know that some contributors are not able to give on a recurring basis, so we are still accepting one-time contributions. Once we arrive on the field, we plan to divvy up the excess in one-time support to compensate for the lack of

monthly support we have raised. We also pray that when Kevin and his family return to the USA in December, some of their monthly supporters will be willing to continue supporting the same work by transferring their support to us.

We would, of course, also ask you to continue praying for us in this regard.

Website

I (Lance) have had the evangelistic website, topicalbiblestudies.com, for almost two years now. I have recently given it a complete overhaul. I created a new logo, edited all of the articles, and rearranged the navigation. I would encourage you to visit it and benefit from it. Feel free to link to it from your own or your congregation's website. Please let me know if you have any suggestions concerning the site.

Finger, TN, Ministry

The Lord's work in Finger, TN, continues to prove fruitful. The jail ministry that began last year continues to grow every week. There have been three baptisms in the past two months (Jesse Record, Stephanie McCarley, and John Cline). What a blessing it has been to be part of this ministry.

Last month, I was asked to give a presentation at Freed-Hardeman University's Preachers Club on jail ministry. What a blessed and humbling experience it was! I conducted a video interview with some of the Christians in the facility to show at the presentation. You may view it by going to vimeo.com/mosher/jailministry. If it prompts you for a password, it is "jailministry."

The Finger church has invited brother David South (former FHU Bible professor) from Memphis, TN, to conduct our spring Gospel meeting. It begins this Sunday, March 11. Go to fingerchurchofchrist.org for details. We would love to see you there! I suspect Jonathan Ray will have the audio sermons available for streaming and/or downloading on the church website sometime soon after the meeting.

Family News

We are both doing well. It seems that our departure is becoming part of almost every conversation with each other and our families. We

have plans in the coming months to spend some dear time with our families. We are getting a little nervous concerning the move, but we must always remember our Lord's commandments and promises in Philippians 4:4-9! Again, we would ask that you pray for us. We will never stop asking you to pray (1 Thess. 5:17)!

Feel free to visit our website. It always has much more information on it than a newsletter can contain. Please never hesitate to contact us or the elders at Chalmette if you have any questions, concerns, or requests concerning the work in Porirua, New Zealand.

...praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador... that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

-Ephesians 6:18-20

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