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# *LIVING AND DISCIPLING AMONG THE LOST*

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**Dear Friends and Family,**

In our most recent newsletter, we shared that *The Barna Research Group* found more than nine in ten people who put their trust in the Savior today do so because they have seen His life and Kingdom lived out by someone they interact and socialize with on a regular basis. We continue to see God move in this way through relationships. As we spend time with those we have led to the Lord and those young in the Lord in the community, we also remember Christ's command *to teach them all He has taught us; to become mature disciples, able to go out and reproduce themselves spiritually all over again (Matthew 28:19-20).*

## **Discipling Adults in Our Community**

We continue to work with new or young believers. Shame was a big issue for "Frank" recently, due to mistakes and very wrong things he had done in the past. He was also facing a serious financial crisis due in part to these actions. Frank is a young believer and working hard to avoid unethical solutions others close to him turn to. He wants to be a light for his unsaved family and friends. Often unethical solutions can seem more OK today, with thoughts like "that's what everybody does" searing the conscience. When the pressure of difficulty comes and the shame that can go with it, wrong alternatives grow more tempting. It is wonderful to be able to stand by Frank, to pray with him and counsel Him in God's Word, to be an encouragement to him in a very scary time, and help him in his desire to bring his entire family to a saving relationship to Christ. His daughter has begun to come to our public school Bible Club this year and has heard the Gospel and asks great questions!



"George," one of the men we were privileged to lead to Christ earlier this year, is also learning God's Word. Most of his family and relatives are not yet saved. George struggles with the evil actions and pursuits of those he lives and works with. Their god is materialism and competition with little concern for ethics and right treatment of others. They seem to succeed as well. George asks "Where is God in all of that?" Visiting Psalms 37 and 73 has ministered to George, as it did for Tom and Jeff earlier this year. We find this to be a very common area of struggle for those hearts which are newly inclined toward God. George gives much time in the community coaching sports and other activities. He has good relationships with many people and is well-thought-of. He is not afraid to look foolish because he loves God and is not afraid to do what is right. He coaches with a kind and gentle hand, showing he values each child. We are thrilled that he is growing in his understanding of God, His ways and promises!

## Public School Bible Club Kicks Off Sixth Year With a Bang!



This Board of Education-approved K-8 Bible Study Club is truly a work of God! We began our sixth year with more children than seats! We continue to minister to children K-8 with increasingly different ethnic and spiritual backgrounds—more children from unsaved homes and/or parents who are new to Christ. The Gospel is shared repeatedly with the students, and discipleship is the focus of all we do. This also reaches their families. Scripture passages and tools are sent home with activities for children to practice, such as memorizing Scripture, daily devotions, prayer journals, studying God’s Word and more. We have discussed Evolution, Creationism and the End Times as well. Those who have graduated and now attend high school have invited Ernie to speak at the High School’s Christian club.

### Your Prayers Are Vital And Essential!

*“Devote yourselves to prayer being watchful and thankful, that God may open a door for our message and that we may proclaim it clearly.” (Taken from Colossians 4:2-4)*

### You Make It Possible for Us to Continue Reaching Them

We are so grateful to those of you who support us sacrificially and faithfully; we are forever grateful for all of you! Thank you! We truly couldn’t have gotten this far without you!



However, we need to make you aware of our significant year-end financial need. This past year our donor income has averaged \$800/month less than our budget, which has already been pared down. Will you please take some time to pray and see if God might be laying it upon your heart to help us with a year-end gift? We thank you in advance for praying about this! It truly makes a difference in the lives of those we seek to minister to. We want to continue to be able not only to reach our region for Christ but to be able to spend the time to disciple and teach those we are reaching so they, in turn, will reach out to others who are without Christ.

**May the Lord greatly bless you this upcoming holiday season and the coming year!**

*With our warm thanks,  
Ernie + Judy*

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