



**March 2017**



Dear Family and Friends:

*“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”* John 17:3. This verse has become more real to us recently as we have seen people come to know the Lord Jesus. It is such a joy to know the Lord Jesus in a living and daily relationship.

A couple weeks ago we sent an email rejoicing in the salvation of Frank and Suzanne. Frank is a teen who has come periodically. Suzanne came with Albert who also was interested but did not get saved. Since then, Naomi met with Suzanne for a Bible study. And we have stopped by Suzanne and Albert’s house several times to invite them to church. While they give reasons why they can’t come right then, they are always positive about us visiting and show a desire to come to church. Please pray that God would continue working in their hearts: growth for Suzanne, and salvation for Albert. Also please pray for Frank for growth and faithfulness in attending church.

One Friday, Paul was working from home while Naomi was having school with the children. During Bible-time, Ruthanne and Nathan both expressed a desire for salvation. Paul went upstairs and together with Naomi talked with both of them. When asked, Ruthanne gave clear answers that showed she recognized her sin would result in separation from God in hell. She understood Jesus died in her place. Paul asked her if she would like to pray and without any prompting on what to say, prayed a simple prayer of placing her faith in Jesus. Though Nathan is a bit hard to understand, he too demonstrated he understood what his sin meant and had a desire for heaven. He then also prayed and asked God to forgive and save him. Being five and four, we do want to be careful not to create a false assurance, but they both talked about getting saved several days later.

After the service this last Sunday, a lady came to us desiring baptism. Naomi sat down with Leanne and asked what she was wanting. Leanne said she wanted to be baptized to wash away her sins. Naomi asked about her salvation but she showed little understanding of what salvation was. Though her understanding of salvation was limited, Leanne knew she needed cleansing from sin. After Naomi shared some verses, Leanne believed in what Jesus did and then prayed for salvation.

Two sisters, Rachel and Beverly, have just recently start coming to church. They just moved to the reservation here and have been coming early for every service. Beverly got saved in 1984 while living in one of Lester Roloff’s homes for ladies. She since wandered away from God but now seems intent on getting back to a right relationship with the Lord. These two sisters have a burden for their family. They invited one of their daughters and asked prayer for the salvation of Rachel’s son, Simon.

Last week we attended IBIMI’s annual mission’s retreat in San Diego. IBIMI (Independent Baptist Indian Mission, is the mission with which we are serving. The retreat is an opportunity for all in the mission to meet together for fellowship and encouragement. It was uplifting to hear each of the mission pastors preach and report on the ministries. With the exception of three young families (including our own family) most of the couples are nearing retirement. Please pray for faithful servants for the west. Although there are needs everywhere, the western states pose a unique challenge with a lack of Bible-preaching churches. Many places in the United States people are able to choose from several Bible-preaching churches within driving distance. In the west, however, the nearest Bible-preaching church may be many miles away.



☞(Left) Teaching a song to the children  
☞(Below) IBIMI mission retreat



**Prayer requests:**

- Our personal walk with God
- One complete family to be added to the church
- Salvation and spiritual growth for those we minister to
- Revival

**Praises:**

- Those who received God's gift of salvation
- Ladies and teen girls who are responding in the Bible studies
- God's faithfulness despite our weakness

All for Jesus,  
Paul and Naomi Sondergaard  
Ruthanne, Nathan, Hannah, and Aletheia

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