



Partnerships, Plans and a Divine Purpose

I continue to travel, speak, and meet with supporters here in the States as June comes to a close. I have traveled vigorously and presented the important work of Christ to people in Florida, Virginia, West Virginia and Ohio. I fulfilled speaking dates nearly every single weekend during this period that I have scheduled to be here in the States. As I near the end of this time here in the States and as brother Dave Lucas continues to recover from his open-heart surgery, I wanted to get this newsletter published in order to bring you up to date on what is going on with the mission and with me before I return to the field in Colombia.

This past week was busy, but somewhat typical. I left Rittman, OH on Monday morning and drove to Wilmington, Ohio, where I had lunch with the missions committee from the Church of Christ there. We discussed the work, needs and opportunities, and the possibility of them making a visit to Colombia in the near future. From there I drove to Peebles, Ohio to visit with Joe and Melanie Gardner, my good friends and supporters in the Peebles Church of Christ. I spent the night enjoying their gracious hospitality and friendship.

The next morning I was off again and heading to Point Pleasant, West Virginia, where I met with Dave Lucas, our Media and IT person. He's the guy who is handling the promotion, publicity and this newsletter for the mission. A work crew member who visited in March, Larry Coleman, joined us along with his dear wife. We discussed the mission work and publicity needs and then headed out to a gun range to enjoy an afternoon of target practice. From there I headed down the road to the Meade Family Cemetery so that I could get in some work weed whacking. As always, I also spent time cleaning up downed branches and all the leftover debris from the Winter season. The extreme heat made that work difficult and physically draining, but I managed to get the essentials done.

Thursday morning I buttoned up the work there and headed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where I met with Jon and Kathy Underwood. As you might have guessed, we enjoyed a lunch at Skyline Chili, a favorite of all of us! They head up Palabra de Cristo, a Spanish publication ministry, which is picking up some of the books that were formerly done by Gordon Clifford. As always, there is much more work to be done to complete our plans. We will need publication funding to make that important work possible. Still we move ahead doing the best we can with what comes available. After the publication meeting, I drove back up to Rittman. I have put over 5,000 miles on my vehicle in this time in the States as the peripatetic nature of missionary life keeps me busy and on the road.



Dale Meade, your missionary, drove over 5,000 miles the last few weeks sharing the news of Jesus and the work of CCM.

I now prepare for my last speaking date, which will be at Buckeye Christian Church this coming Sunday and then it will be packing furiously to head back to Colombia next week. It has been a busy but profitable time as I visited many supporting churches and individuals who continue to sustain the work during these trying recent years as we endured Satan's attacks on this amazing ministry.

In Colombia the camp continues to see very heavy use, which is a blessing to all of us who have been involved in this ministry. Every week we have a new group of campers; we have already passed the 1,000 mark for this year, putting us ahead of the yearly total for nearly every Christian camp here in the United States, and the year is only half over. We still desperately need to finish that fourth and final cabin to provide bunks for many campers

who now must sleep on the floor. Along with that, our Hasten International Medical Mission brigades continue at the rate of two or three every month. In those we serve the less fortunate and we share the Gospel as well.



Cabins to be finished

This autumn, I plan on being in the States for the entire season and I am available for speaking. Why not talk with your church leaders and missions committee about scheduling a speaking date? It is important to know and celebrate what the Lord is doing through our partnership together in Colombia. We could not survive without your generous and faithful, prayer support in this work and we want to share the excitement and thrill at knowing what God is doing there in Colombia. Contact us today?



Dr. David Lucas (left) discusses promotional ideas with Dr. Dale Meade (right) for seeking sponsors for the housing units at the Christian Camp in Colombia.

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