



Praises!

- Safety on the road
- Meetings scheduled
- Providential leading
- God's provision



Prayer Requests

- New support
- Remaining open Sundays to be scheduled
- Continued safety

Breakdowns and God's leading

What a blessing to be back out the first week of June! After months of waiting for openings from CoVid restrictions we were ready to get going again. Having pulled the engine out of our bus and put it back together I am constantly listening for new sounds as we go down the road. We were driving in Alabama in early June when I felt something new. I couldn't tell if it was just a bumpy road or if something slipping in the engine. All of a sudden the engine shut off. We were going 65mph or so and making our way around a bend in the road. There was no shoulder and the grass dropped off to our side. About halfway up the next hill our van came to a stop. Praise the Lord we had safety triangles with us and I quickly set them out behind our bus. An Alabama State Trooper pulled up behind us and stayed there while we figured out what was wrong with the bus. Before long we were safely back on our way. Praise God that He allowed us to meet the Troopers and give them a tract and our prayer card. We have learned that many times our "misfortunes" are Divine appointments to give

out the gospel. A week and a half later we were heading from West Virginia to Arizona and decided to take a longer route through Denver, CO so we could visit a church and meet an old evangelist friend. As we made our way across Kansas we hit high winds greater than 30 miles and hour with gusts of 47 and 48 mph. It made it very difficult to pull the trailer safely and slowed us down quite a bit. We did not make it to the church in Denver on time and missed meeting our friend. We felt like we had wasted our time and effort but God had something else in mind. The next day as we headed out of Denver we felt something pop on our bus. I saw our temperature gage spike and immediately pulled off the exit we were passing. Our serpentine belt had broken and the idler pulley was missing. Coolant was boiling out of the reservoir. We were stuck. A Colorado State Trooper came along and saw our plight. She offered to take me to an auto parts store to get an idler pulley. We just happened to have an extra serpentine belt with us. While I was gone getting the part a young man pulled off our exit and broke down right behind our bus. When I got back, I was able to spend a good deal of time with him sharing the gospel. He said several times “my mom keeps telling me the same things you are.” We left him with a tract and something to eat and drink while he waited for a tow truck. I can’t help but wonder if God had us go through Denver just to break down where this young man did so he could hear the gospel again. May he come to know Christ as Savior. “A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps.” Proverbs 16:9



Meetings Scheduled

We are beginning to contact churches again to reschedule meetings lost and schedule new ones. We only have 8 more Sundays to schedule this year and we will be full. We are so grateful for the many churches who have had us come and to those we will soon be at. Our prayer is that the churches we have already presented in this year will have their needs met in spite of the pandemic and be able to make decisions on supporting new missionaries soon. Our goal and prayer is that God would bring the remaining support in over the next few months so we can begin language school in January and be in Colombia by next Summer. It is a goal that is more than possible with God. Please pray with us for these goals.

God's Provision

We are so grateful to each of you for your prayers and support for our family. God has used each of you to provide our needs and prepare the way for ministry in Colombia. We are just shy of 51% our support needed and have almost a third of our outfit and passage already provided for to go to Colombia. God has been so good and you all have been so kind. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made for us. May God meet your needs as only He can. We are grateful for each of you.

Your servant to Colombia,

Matt for the Smith Family

