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REPORT for SPRING & NORWAY, 2017

Dear Friends,

Hello there! We have several items of good news that we would like to share with you.

Milestone Passed: At the end of August, Barb and I passed another milestone in completing 40 years of full-time evangelistic ministry and now embark on our 41st. We also celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary as well as 48 years in the ministry. I feel too young to have done anything for that long, but facts are facts!

Ministry Update: Between March and June we travelled through 20 states, literally from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, with meetings in 8, all in addition to a month of ministry in the province of Saskatchewan in Canada. Four of the meetings were in churches that were new contacts for us. In one of the meetings in Canada, a young man from the Philippines came up to me to let us know that he felt God had called him to be an evangelist in the Philippines. He was thrilled to be able to get a copy of my 300-page book entitled *The Evangelist: His Life and Ministry to the Church and World*.

It was also a special blessing to me in one of the churches to have *both* a wonderful accompanist *and* an accomplished violinist to play with. That week I played some arrangements I would otherwise not have been able to do. In another Canadian church, a couple of cowboys (and I mean *real* cowboys) came to one of the meetings and heard the gospel. One of them was already saved and brought his friend.

In another of the Canadian churches I did a “Christmas in May” concert. Since we are never able to be in these churches (or most churches) during December, we have been doing a Christmas concert at other times of the year. This church went all out with Christmas decorations including a fellowship with Christmas cookies and other holiday treats afterwards. If this idea interests some of you reading this, let your pastor know and we would be happy to do the same in your church when we are there for meetings.

Missions Update: In August I was privileged to make my 53rd mission trip, this time to the country of Norway to be with James and Ruth Turpin. I was delighted that Barb was

able join me. I had met James more than a decade ago when our paths crossed in Taylors, SC. We just sort of “hit it off” and have been corresponding ever since. We were there for two Sundays with meetings in between as well, though not every day. The main thing I was asked to address was the issue of CCM music. Many of the people in his church had been saved out of the charismatic movement and needed some teaching on this matter. I gave four messages on that subject that were well received.

On the first Sunday morning, I preached an evangelistic message from Psalm 32. A young man, walking beside the church, saw a cross on the side of the building but missed the Faith Baptist Church name right above it. He came in for the service and was greeted by the people and so stayed. As he left he told the pastor that he had made a mistake. Seeing only the cross, he thought he was going into a catholic church for Mass. While he admitted that it was a “pleasant mistake,” he also told the pastor, “But I didn’t agree with everything the speaker said.” Praise the Lord he heard the gospel. Another man for whom the pastor had been praying and inviting for ten years came for the first time to one of the services. We also had two families from other countries (Netherlands and N. Ireland) visit while on “holiday.” I have posted photos on my Facebook page.

Misc.: Hopefully, by the end of the year, we will have a new book available entitled “Roaming Through Romans.”

Thank you again for your interest in our ministry and for your prayer support on our behalf. Trust the Lord will continue to richly bless you all.

In Christ,

Ken & Barb Lynch, Eph. 6:19