

THE BECKLEYS IN PAYSON ARIZONA

April 2021 Report

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Brethren and friends,

THE RIM COUNTRY WORK- Covid has finally hit the members here.

-Our work

We started a new section of our study on Temptation which is on Peer Pressure. Hopefully this Sunday morning study will not be as long as our last study on lying. Brian Muller continues to do a great job in teaching the book of Revelation on Wednesdays.

During April we had a family to visit us wanting to leave California. It was a family with three young children. Bro Brian Muller and his wife kept them for two days as they looked at the town's situation. They are considering two other places in Arizona and the lack of rental housing here did not help our cause. They were to be back again this week I believe, but all plans got put on hold due to the breakout in the congregation.

This past April, Brian Muller and Dan Smyers started a distribution of advertisements of the church throughout the city, section by section, through the post. Unfortunately, after the first section was mailed out the virus hit us and disrupted this effort.

-Covid

Our brother with lung cancer that I mentioned in last month's report, had his sister (a nurse) to come visit him out of concern for him. She was here about 10 days. When she returned home she tested positive for the covid. Immediately after our interaction with her and others, many of us came down sick. My wife was the first to actually show symptoms while the nurse was here, others after she left. My wife and I were scheduled for our 2nd vaccination the next day. I thought possibly some of my symptoms were related to receiving the shot. Later in the week, the brother with the cancer began showing symptoms that lead him to the hospital, but it was too late. He was flown by helicopter from the Payson hospital to Phoenix and died there the next day (May 3rd). He was already going downhill and this was the last straw. We will surely miss him. He was the son of Bob Nichols, living and helping out his father who is now quarantined even though he has had the two vaccination shots.

Dan Smyers was also hospitalized due to the doctor not getting antibiotics to him two days sooner as planned. He has just come out of the hospital recovering with oxygen at home, but his prognosis looks very good. Others quarantined themselves or have mild symptoms or had already had the two vaccination shots. The last Sunday in April we had four people in attendance, the three widows and myself. Two days later I tested positive and have a fight with my old nemesis, sinus infection, along with the hot and cold chills, headaches and lack of energy. We are self quarantined for another 10 days. This puts all the teaching responsibility upon Brian Muller who taught and preached on May 2. There were three in attendance. Some are still afraid to attend just yet.

My Sermons for April were: Learning to Balance Life's Actions; Where is Our Trust (Phil 3:1-14); Keep on keeping on; The Attitude of the Spiritually Mature (Phil 3:15-21).

AFRICA - Nothing has changed about the need for help with five of these men, so I will just adapt and send this information again. I appreciate a brother sending me information about one of the men in my last report receiving regular support from the church he is at. Thank you. We never know these things unless we communicate to one another.

These five preachers in **Zimbabwe**'s are needing support. Some have lost their support due to a USA supporting church exhausting its resources. I have worked with all of these men and as far as I know they are faithful. They are:

Mabhuri Betera, mabhuribetera@gmail.com. He preachers at Zikani.

Takudzwa Robert Chinyenze, rchinyenze@yahoo.com He normally preaches at Chitora, but also at different places and in various homes. Another place is Chipendeke. He has some support I believe.

Paradzia Kusena, pdkusena@gmail.com He preaches at Chiendambuya church.

Richard Maribo, rmaribo01@gmail.com. He preaches at the Denzva church.

Dumisani Mutemera, djtn1978@gmail.com He preaches at different places in the Mutate area.

These men each need about \$250 an month. Please, when you write to them, ask what money they are receiving. Some are receiving none on a regular basis.

Eighty dollars in benevolence is needed for Mhondiwa Magwere and family. I don't think he is doing much preaching anymore, but his wife has diabetes and needs medication each month, seedzmhondiwa@gmail.com

Mozambique- Arao Uchio is looking for \$30 a month through Western Union or \$100 a month through moneygram to pay for transport to Masegir to preach to the neglected church there. The difference in cost is the place where Arao has to go to pick up the money. One is near and the other is very far.

Finances:

<i>Regular SUPPORT for: dates are deposit or ck dates</i>	<i>Feb 2021 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>Mar 2021 money, date, ck#</i>	<i>April 2021 money, date, ck#</i>
<i>Southside, Somerset, Ky</i>	255 01ck#0000500494	255 01 ck#0000500507	255 01 ck#0000500520
<i>Oaks -West, Burnet, Tx</i>	400 23 ck#2107	400 19 ck#?	400 16ck# ?
<i>Eastside, Baytown, TX</i>	300 01ck#8012	300 01 ck# 8026	300 01 ck#8036
<i>anonymous #5:</i>	100 3/01ck?	100 26#?	100 28#4857
<i>Rim Country church</i>	2000 29 ck#305	2000 28ck#310	2000 25/ck#315
<i>Annandale, VA</i>	←for 3 mos.	←for 3 mos.	1500 for Apr -June 14 ck#5883?

brotherly,
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