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Elders and Brethren

Church of Christ

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Dear brethren:

Greetings from the Birmingham area!

We had a relatively discouraging month in July, with two preaching trips that ended in rejection. In addition, we had a third opportunity that was pushed back because the group wanted to try and attract a “young preacher graduating from Florida College,” and they wouldn’t have a resolution for a few weeks. We have had abundant positive feedback on the lessons, but there has always been some other underlying issue that has arisen that had more to do with the church itself than with us.

We’ve also run into several issues regarding teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage in two of those congregations, and so it’s very likely that they would not have been good fits in the long run, although we’re happy to go to such a location as long as we’re free to teach the text as I believe it reads. The group in question did not think this would be a major issue, but we believe it may have at least been a factor in the decision.

Regardless, we are back in Birmingham taking a couple of weeks off travel, but will be back on the road before too long. We are in talks with a group outside of Kansas City, MO, and are selecting a date to visit. We also have four other contacts at various stages of the process. Most are smaller and I believe all will require outside support, but there seem to be some promising opportunities.

I’ve been very blessed by God that I’ve had a number of friends who have kept their eyes out for opportunities, and have graciously kept me in mind, so that’s been a big help to us.

In July, I preached two lessons at the Viking Drive church in Bossier City, LA, and the following weekend we visited the Monroe Valley church in Washington State. In addition, I preached a fill-in lesson for the Black Creek church located southwest of Birmingham, although that was not a “try-out.”

I’m continuing the Facebook broadcast with Kyle Ellison, which we finally got back off the ground this past Monday. I’m also scheduled to fill in at the Fultondale church of Christ on Aug. 14, and the Mount Olive church on Aug. 28, so there is definitely still work to do along with what may be a very busy travel month.

Thank you again for your support and encouragement! Please continue to pray for us, and let us know if there’s anything we can do to help you.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Hammons', with a long, sweeping underline.

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