

January 2020 Report

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Greetings Brethren,

The month of January saw victory, defeat and some brotherhood struggles. It was a difficult month in some ways but also an encouraging start to the new year in others.

Sister Wanda Braddock took a turn for the worse in January, suffering from kidney issues and other health related problems. She has been in and out of the hospital and is currently in hospice. Bro. Mark Braddock, a tough and steely brother who is steadfast in the faith, who finds comfort in the Lord, is still having a difficult time watching his wife deteriorate. Please pray for him.

On New Years Eve our study with the 7th Day Adventist couple the Duenas, came to an end when the husband categorically declared that he would never believe that the ten commandments nor the sabbath were no longer required despite the evidence presented to them. Bro. Griffith, Sis. Gould and myself patiently illustrated through the Scriptures that we have moved on to a new and better covenant in Christ, but their dedication to the erroneous 7th Day Adventist doctrine blinded them from being able to accept the truth. We are all saddened by this fact but we parted ways amicably and hope to remain in contact with them despite having shaken the dust from our garments.

On Thursday, January 2, my wife and I sat down for a meeting with a young member of our congregation. She had just begun a romantic relationship with a co-worker of the world who had previously been married. After discussing the matter with my wife and I, including the situation with the former's divorce, we unfortunately came to the conclusion that she could not scripturally be in a relationship with

this man. This meant that she had a choice to make between obedience to God or this worldly relationship with a man whom she was not able to be in a relationship with. After much study and tearful contemplation, she ended her relationship with the young man. It was an easy decision she had said, but a difficult thing to do as she was emotionally invested in the relationship. I am very proud of our young sister for the mature decision that she made.

A member of our congregation named Nina has left for the "greener pastures" of one of the local liberal congregations that she had come from. This congregation preaches religious co-existence, tolerance for unscriptural theology and even denominationalism and erroneous doctrines such as institutionalism and liberalism. Nina began a study with a couple of our wise members Bro. & Sis. Vrooman some months back. She had come out of Catholicism and was baptized into the body through this liberal/institutional group in Los Lunas. She moved closer to Belen and began attending with our congregation about a year ago. After a while, she had some questions that centered around her son and his religious beliefs and practices. When the Vroomans taught her the Truth, which was divergent from the views and opinions of her son, she quit showing up to services. When brethren began to inquire, she informed them that she left because we hadn't been attentive enough toward her. When this was challenged and the truth was presented to her, she was simply silent. We will continue to discuss these things with her and try to restore her to the Truth as opportunity presents itself.

I held a special study with a young man from our congregation who had questions concerning Romans 13:1-7 in light of current events and

history. It turned out to be a very edifying experience.

Personal Work:

Tuesday 3:30pm Denery/Hathorn Counseling,
Growth & Restoration Study

Wednesday 1:30pm Hughes Growth Study

Thursday 12:00pm Haughness Conversion Study

Thursday 6:00pm Watson/AD 70 Group
Correction/Restoration Study

Saturday 3:30pm Lujan Counseling/Growth
Study

Support by the Month:

RGV (us)..... \$3,450

Heights..... \$200

Oaks West..... \$800

Rose Ave..... \$325

Wilkes-Charis..... \$750

Total..... \$5,525