

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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"...GO INTO ALL THE
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I will be in Kremenchuk, Ukraine by the time most of you receive this report. Don Oelze will be my co-teacher in the Bible school there as he has been each October since 2001. In addition to our work in the school and preaching at area congregations, we will (as we do each trip) take funds from generous Christians here to provide much-needed help for teenage boys in a juvenile prison, four or five homes for orphans and two for abandoned children. It is a major understatement to say that institutions like this in Ukraine are not well supported by the government. We are also able to help numerous very poor Christians. A full report will be coming your way upon our return.

I was not long home from India before Rose and I left on a long road trip to Utah. I was invited to speak each day at the annual Labor Day Weekend Encampment on Mt. Nebo near Payson—about 50 miles south of Salt Lake City. The event took place at about the 8,000 ft. level and most people were in RVs...a few stayed in tents. Having neither, Rose and I stayed at the only motel in Payson. The excellent program was planned by Ron White who preaches for the church in Clearfield, Utah. The theme for the three-day event was "The Christian's Confidence." People were there from nearly all of the congregations in the state. This wonderful time of teaching and fellowship every year is no doubt a great encouragement and blessing to brethren in a state where the church is numerically so small.

It was my privilege recently to participate as one of the speakers in a meeting at the Wieland congregation near Greenville, Texas. This rural church has supported our mission work for many, many years. I also spoke for them one Sunday in the absence of their excellent preacher, John Lawrence. My association with these brethren goes back all the way to about 1965.

ZIMBABWE NEWS

You probably have been keeping up with the news...mostly very bad news...from this troubled country in the southern part of the African continent. There is still much violence there and people are starving to death. It was too dangerous for our group to go back this past summer. Our brethren are among those suffering but the church is growing in the midst of all these hardships. The political situation seems to be improving. Every time I have worked there it was under the leadership of Paul Jones, a South African who now lives in the USA. Notice this message received from him just days ago:

"We have prayed and waited on the Lord to deliver these people to a place of peace and stability...the threat of violence seems to be on the decline. Please keep praying. We have a window of opportunity to go back and work with the Christians again in 2009. The exact dates will be forthcoming but for now it looks very promising we can go early June 2009. Please be praying and planning if you intend to go or help support someone else to go."

Your encouragement in the work and your prayers are always appreciated! May the Father richly bless us all in our efforts to spread the kingdom.

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman