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Dear Pastor, Church, and Praying Friends,

Last September we began helping on Sunday mornings to plant a new Baptist Church, Harvest Hills Baptist Church, in our city of Springdale, Arkansas. That is not to say that we have slacked off with our home church, Gospel Light, in Rogers, Arkansas, where we are still members.

Planting a new church is slow going and can be discouraging. On several Sundays the "crowd" has consisted of ourselves and the pastor's family of six. We know we have been an encouragement because we have been steady. Joyce plays the keyboard and brings treats for our coffee and time of fellowship. I have taken my turn with special music, and we have passed out tracts and invitations readily.

One family of three, a husband, wife, and sister in their 60's have settled and are being discipled by the pastor, Brother Bryan Graham. The story about the husband, Roger, is very special. He is the uncle of a neighbor of ours living on our same street. When our neighbor heard that his uncle is now faithful in church, he was amazed! He said his father and mother have been concerned for Roger and his family spiritually for many years. What a small world we live in; what an awesome God we serve! A little granddaughter is also coming and bringing her friend; they love their Sunday School class!

Joyce and I have never completely gained our strength back from our injuries. We still use our canes and walkers some when we are home or go away. For that reason we have not been involved in door to door visitation except to transport teams to cover residential areas.

But, we have tracts for everyone we meet on a daily basis. A few weeks ago a young man came to the house representing a lawn care company. As usual, Joyce, gave him an invitation and began talking about our church and the Lord. He was very interested and two weeks later, he came with his girlfriend. Ryan and Leah have continued to come and bring other college aged friends. Both his family and hers are also promising to come soon. We see sincere hearts in this couple; it is exciting to see how God is working in and through their lives. This past Sunday we had 29 in attendance and 7 new visitors! The church plant is beginning to grow!!!!

For over two months Joyce complained of pain in her right side and back. Finally we went to her kidney doctor and through x-rays and an exam she was pronounced all clear. But the pain continued, so we went to our general doctor. He diagnosed it as muscle strain. Now both of us are on an anti-inflammatory medicine and feeling much better. We are also losing weight. Praise the Lord for all the good things happening in our lives. Did I mention, we are also going to a nursing home once a month to minister to the residents. It is a blessing; we love being involved.

With Easter fast approaching, we see a greater opportunity to witness and be involved. Our hearts are overflowing with what we can do to further the Gospel! Thank you for upholding us prayerfully and financially to do this! We still have a longing in our beings to return to Australia.

In the Harvest Together,

*Earl*  
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Received \$220.00 for Jan., Feb. 2017. Thank You. God Bless You abundantly!

*"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again  
with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Psalm 126:6*