

Good News Reflections

July 15, 2024

One more soul!



Dear Praying Friends,

We have so much to share with you! This e-mail has been in the works for months now. Susan does most of our correspondence and e-mails, but she has not been physically able to work with our updates as usual. We apologize that this update has taken so long.



On February 9th, we had the privilege of spending some time with Ron and Diane Lighty. He has been in ministry for over 50 years! It was a sweet time of fellowship as he shared many of God's blessings over the years. He is a very talented ventriloquist and balloon artist. We thoroughly enjoyed our time together!

It has been a real blessing to share the Gospel every Tuesday (*during the school year*) at a local Elementary school through the **Good News Clubs!** – the kids are *hungry* to learn God's Word.

On February 27th, Maelee went to the back and told Mrs. Lillian, "When Mr. Tim was praying at the end of his lesson, I prayed and asked Jesus to save me." **How precious that she made that decision to accept Jesus as her Savior!**



March 10th-12th, Scott Pauley preached a Revival at **Kerwin Baptist Church**, in Kernersville, NC; while Tim preached a *Kid's Revival* for the children. It was great to minister with David and Sarah Fulp in their Children's Ministry! David was in our meetings for many years as a young person.

On Sunday morning, a 10-year-old young man accepted the Lord (at his seat) during the invitation time (he told his mom about it on the way home). He had been asking a lot of questions, and



finally got it settled! Praise the Lord for working in his heart! He was Baptized on Easter Sunday.

On Wednesday, March 13th, I had the privilege of ministering at **Faith Baptist Church**, in Kannapolis, NC (one of our supporting Churches). I spoke to the young people for about 25 minutes, then went up the hill and preached to the "Big Kids" in the auditorium. It was great to see everyone again! Susan was not able to make the trip to NC – I sure **missed** her ministering with me!



On Wednesday, March 20th, Susan and I did a special program at **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**, in Trenton, GA (they had about 50 or 60 young people in their *Master Clubs*). That next Sunday, 2 of the boys (who were in our meeting) chose to ask Jesus to save them! How wonderful that God continued to work in their hearts!



Wednesday, March 27th, Tim had the privilege of preaching at **Fairview Baptist Church** (our home Church), in Athens, TN. It is such a privilege when we get to minister at home!



We enjoyed our time at **Brayton Baptist Church**, in Graysville, TN, April 14th-17th. There were visitors from several local Churches each night for the *Family Crusade* (including from our Church).

There was a great attendance every single service! Several of the young adults reminded us that they were in our meetings as children. It was a blessing and encouragement to see them again and to meet their families!



During the invitation time, on Monday night, 13-year-old *Eden*, and 8-year-old *Oliver* walked the aisle and asked the Lord to save them! Oh, what rejoicing there was in Heaven! Praise God for how He

worked in their hearts!



April 22nd-25th, we were in Talladega, AL for the **BIMI Mexico/Central American Field Conference**. We ministered every morning with the children of the missionaries, and either Susan or I had a small part in each of the evening services with everyone.



What a privilege it was to minister with these choice servants of the Lord!





Our hearts were **encouraged** and **challenged** as we heard testimony after testimony of God's faithfulness in the midst of difficult situations on the field.



Our hearts are full!!! We look forward to ministering with them again in 2026!

On Monday, May 6th, Rachel graduated from **Crown College of the Bible**, in Powell, TN.



She had the honor of being the Salutatorian of the 2024 graduating class, and received her B.S. degree in Secondary Education (High school History).

"This past spring, I was able to student teach at our Church's

*Christian school – **Fairview Christian Academy**. It was an awesome experience; I learned a lot and made many amazing new memories. During this time, God also changed my direction for this upcoming school year. Before student teaching, I was unsure what I would do for this next year, but after student teaching, it became very clear. For the 2024-2025 school year, I will be teaching Middle and High School History at **Fairview**. I'm looking forward to seeing what the future holds and witnessing the amazing things God has in store."*



Rachel Vermaas



On May 26th, we enjoyed our time of ministry with our friends at **Summer City Baptist Church**, in Pikeville, TN. Tim taught Sunday School and preached the morning service, and Susan brought Dusty out for a visit. We look forward to being with them again next year about this same time.



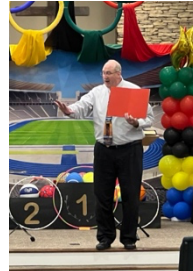
We ministered at **Shenandoah Baptist Church** in Cleveland, TN, on June 2nd, as well as the 5th-7th during their VBS. Two weeks before our time at **Shenandoah**, my (Tim's)



computer crashed. Unfortunately, we were not able to recover much of the data. The replacement computer arrived just before VBS started, but we ran into several glitches getting everything up and running. We sent out a quick email asking everyone to pray.



On Wednesday evening, we did indeed go "Old School" with our visuals. Tim used a large *Wordless Book* and a Christmas present to present the Gospel. Many came during the invitation times, but we do not know of any decisions made for Christ. What we **do** know, is that God's Word will not return void. We pray that God will continue to work in their hearts. We were glad to have Tim's computer up and running for the rest of the week. Thank you for praying for us!



June 16th-20th **Liberty Baptist Church**

Family Crusade at **Liberty Baptist Church** is always an exciting, fun time. How wonderful to see 109 visitors come to the meetings! We praise God for the 2 young people who came to ask Jesus to save them!

One of these young ladies was Mrs. Betty's granddaughter (Mrs. Betty was the ladies' team captain). The angels in Heaven weren't the only ones rejoicing over these decisions!



The food drive for *Compassion Cupboard* (a local food pantry) went very well, with 13,833 pounds of canned goods brought in. This is the second year **Liberty** has done a food drive in place of the penny offering at our meetings. There's something special about being a part of

something that impacts the lives of so many people.



On our way home (on June 22nd) from **Liberty Baptist Church**, we stopped for fuel at the Pilot in Wytheville, VA. As sometimes happens, a man approached Tim while he was pumping fuel (*he had been sitting against the wall of the store for quite a while*). Usually, people ask Tim for money after telling him their story, but this time the man didn't ask for money – he asked for a ride to Bristol, VA. We never pick-up hitch-hikers, but this

time we felt the Lord wanted us to help him. I (Susan) was lying down in the back seat (*because of some pain issues*), so the front seat was open.

While traveling to Bristol, he spent a lot of the time telling us his story. We shared the Gospel with him, and he was very down-cast, realizing that he did not deserve to go to Heaven. We agreed with him that we're **all** undeserving. Then he shared that he had been in prison for 18 years, and was having a difficult time acclimating back into society (*he had been out for 3 years*). After sharing more Scripture with him, Tim asked if there was anything that would stop him from making the decision to ask Jesus to save him. With tears in his eyes, he said, "No, there isn't." He bowed his head and cried as he prayed to ask Jesus to forgive his sin and to allow him a place in Heaven. ***It was obvious that this meeting was planned by God to bring one more soul to Him!*** We helped him to get in contact with a pastor in Bristol, a former **Rock of Ages Prison Ministry** missionary. Please pray for Arthur. God can really use him to reach others who need the same kind of help.

We just finished a great week at **Camp Fairview**, July 8th-12th. Our next e-mail will share the update from this week.

Please pray for Tim and his family in the passing of his brother, Steve (on July 6th). Steve had leukemia for the past few years, and developed congestive heart failure, and kidney and liver failure. We were planning to make the trip (on Monday and Tuesday) to Lincoln, NE for Steve's funeral on Wednesday, but we are sick with a really bad stomach bug we picked-up from Camp this week. We will miss being there with our family.

Please be praying for our next meeting at **Maranatha Baptist Church**, in Rantoul, IL (July 21st-25th). We hope to be feeling better by then.

May God bless you as you continue to serve Him!

Reaching Families for Him,



Tim and Susan Vermaas