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Dear brethren:

We send you our fondest regards from Shady Valley, TN. We pray all is well with you and yours.

We are so thankful for your love, generosity, support, and prayers on our behalf in our work in Shady Valley and at the TCSOP&CD. We are loving our lives, but they would not be possible if you did not allow God to use you to enable us to be here and labor in the kingdom in this location. We cannot express adequately how much we appreciate the sacrifice you make for us and the confidence you bestow in us in supporting us.

Our labor at TCSOP&CD continues to grow and flourish. We completed our second year on June 25th. We graduated two loyal students, Josh Alley, and Denver Tate. The other classes are going well. We are on a summer break at present, but only five weeks away from the fall quarter which begins August 14th, Lord willing.

When that session commences, we will either have three new students or four. We are meeting with a prospective student today. He is a bright faithful young man from Lebanon, VA. There are already three men enrolled for August and one for February. The outlook for the school is extremely bright. We have interest being shown from many fronts and this excites us as we seek to train warriors for the kingdom. The fall quarter will find our teaching three full-time classes: Preacher and His Work and Bible Geography to first-year students. We will be teaching Church History to the third-year class. In addition, we will be participating in the Arise To Truth Radio Program every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 Eastern time. Along with our duties as Dean of Public Relations, these classes will provide us with a full schedule.

Our distant learning classes have been an overwhelming success. We are attaching our Fall schedule if you or members there would like to enroll. The Bible Geography class we taught was greatly received. The total hours of preparation moved from an average of fifteen hours to almost thirty hours a week, but this was enjoyable and beneficial to us especially.

Kathy's work in the office with Vicky Manuel continues to go well. Kathy is now the personal secretary to Bill Haywood, the director of TCSOP&CD. She is excited to be using her great talent to serve the Lord by serving Bill.

Our third-year classroom was totally renovated last year and so we have great capabilities to provide online teaching and modern technology for our classes. This past year we renovated the first-year classroom with these same possibilities. In addition, this classroom was renamed The Eddy Craft Preaching Lab in honor of brother Eddy Craft and his many contributions over the years to training and

equipping warriors to preach the Gospel. Sadly, Eddy was diagnosed several months ago with Parkinson's Disease. Just this week has been diagnosed with liver cancer. He is in the process of having further tests and scans run to determine the most expedient treatments to possibly extend his life or remove the cancer altogether. Please pray for Eddy, his wife Betty, his entire family, and our family at TCSOP&CD. He is a dear man and a dedicated servant of the Lord.

We are also very optimistic when it comes to finally having permanent student housing. We have recently had several large donations to that end. God has blessed us by placing us in position to hopefully breaking ground on some permanent housing in the very near future. Please pray to this end and if you have opportunity or know others who may have opportunity to help, please either do so or contact us with names so we can make that call.

Our lectureship was a huge success. The lesson given were sound and solidly built on the Scriptures. The attendance was good. The lessons are archived on the Stoneycreek church of Christ Facebook page, so if you have opportunity, please listen to them.

We (Kathy and I) will be leaving in a couple of days for a rather long trip to visit as many supporters as we can before school begins again. We cannot see ALL of you on this trip, but we will see many of you. Please pray for us as we travel and speak. We just simply do not have the correct words to express how much we love our lives and the work we are graced to do in the kingdom. We are enabled because of good brethren like you.

The work at Shady Valley goes well also. The congregation is studying and learning. We have a younger couple that placed membership back in May. They are both talented and can do many things in service to God. In addition, Josh Alley who just graduated from third-year program will be serving as an intern with us. Josh preached at Shady Valley many times as a student before we moved here. He has a personality that is perfect for local work. He wants some practical experience before he attempts to go into full-time work. He is energetic and eager to aid us reach out to this community. He is operating on support as the funds at Shady valley barely cover enough for us to live here. He lacks a couple of hundred dollars per month yet, but he is here already. If you have opportunity to help him or know of anyone who may can, please contact us. He is very talented and will be a great asset to our work here. He will not be preaching very much here. Our work will continue as we have been laboring, but Josh will be gaining experience and will fill-in when we are away with our duties at TCSOP&CD or away speaking.

Please pray for our efforts. We want to glorify God with our work, letting our lights shine so they may glorify God. Without your grace and generosity, we could NOT be here so thank you many times over. Please come and visit if you are in the area or contact us and we could maybe meet you and visit. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

May God bless you is our constant prayer.

In His Service,
David B. and Kathy Jones