

2009 THREE-QUARTER YEAR IN REVIEW

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Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. — John 4:35

SO much has happened since our last update. Since January, we have seen God continually supply for our needs and use us in full-time evangelism. During the months of January and February we were busy at our home church in Cumming, Georgia. We are so thankful for the growth at Refuge and for the dear friends we have here.

Richard spent much of those two months building props and puppet sets in preparation for our summer VBS schedule. It takes lots of time and planning to construct props that collapse so they can be transported. He built a puppet stage, a runway complete with runway lights, an airport control tower and a collapsible, camouflaged podium. We also used the time to do a little renovation on the kid's room. Over time, we had noticed some moist carpet under their beds and realized there was a leak in the roof.

This leak had caused much of the wall structure to mold and rot. Richard, along with the help of a man in our church (Mike Cumbie), tore out the entire room, studs, insulation and all.

They then took about two weeks rebuilding the room and also created a bed for Megan. She had been sleeping on the floor. Megan really enjoys her new bed! Thank you, Mr. Mike, for all your help. The members of Refuge surprised us with a special love offering to offset the costs. We were overwhelmed by their generosity once again. We love you Refuge and appreciate all you do for us.



End of the summer home modification: leaky roof repairs

Our first meeting of the year was at the Open Bible Baptist Church in Aylmer, ON. We were grateful to see about 120 in attendance. Richard used the Sunday School time to break out a new smaller puppet stage he had created. He taught a

lesson for the kids as well as the adults. We ask you to continue to pray for this church as they are currently without a pastor. God sent us there at the right time to encourage them in their search. Pray that God will send the right man for this stable, growing ministry.

The next week, we held a series of meetings in Buffalo, NY. Hilltop Baptist Church was so gracious to us the week we were there. Richard preached through a series on prophecy and we praise the Lord for two who made professions of faith that week. God is good!

We then traveled to Holland, MI and spent Easter weekend visiting Becky's family before heading to Indiana.



Night time at the Boyles'

Richard, Rebecca, Alex, Jeffrey, Megan & Cody

In Indiana, Richard attended the annual Indiana Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting and preached in two churches there. We also used that week to do a little repair on the truck. Two of three fuel tank straps had rusted on one of our fuel tanks. This had become a hazard. After all, you don't want to lose a 150-gallon fuel tank going 70 mph. This took several days for Richard to complete but we were thankful this was a job he could do saving much money in labor costs. We then began our long trek across the U.S. for some meetings in Wyoming and Utah.

Richard preached on Sunday, May 3rd at Green River Bible Baptist Church in Green River, Wyoming. We had been to this church before and enjoyed reacquainting ourselves with these friends. We enjoyed great attendance in each service and enjoyed our time with Pastor Ted York and his family.

Richard also preached Sunday, May 10 at First Baptist Church of Nephi, Utah. We always enjoy our time with Keith and Donna South. We enjoyed seeing a full auditorium and are excited to see growth and plans to build a building in the near future. One blessing we must tell is their desire to top off our fuel tanks before we left. Richard explained that this could be expensive due to the size. They were resolved to do so anyway. Thank you, First Baptist; you truly are an encouragement to us!

The week of May 17, we conducted a prophecy conference at Marysvale Baptist Church in Marysvale, Utah. This is a church we had been to before and it was great to be with them again. It was encouraging to see the auditorium filled on Sunday. Please pray for Mr. F. who has been coming frequently. Within the last year, he has renounced atheism and is searching for the truth about Christ. Also, pray for Mrs. E. She has recently been coming to the church but has been splitting time with the LDS church as well. She admits that there is something more to the Bible and has many questions. She isn't quite ready to accept Christ yet.

Sunday, May 25 we traveled across the mountain to Beaver, UT. We had a busy day as Richard preached in all three services. It was great to see how God is using the Dupont family in this needy town.

Next was a line up of 9 VBS meetings. We started out at Independent Baptist Church in Heber, Utah. We must thank Pastor Steve Miller for his help in building an actual WWII P-40 plane, which became a central prop to the VBS program. We enjoyed a great week there and two other wonderful weeks of VBS at Grace Baptist of Price, UT and First Baptist of Escalante, Utah. In Price, we had wonderful attendance from both the English speaking church as well as the Hispanic speaking church. In Escalante, we were amazed to see more Mormon kids come to VBS than church kids.



The recruits of Operation Grace in Price, Utah

We then made the long, 38-hour trip back to Cumming, Georgia. We did it in 52 hours actually but arrived in time for a week off (or so we thought.) We arrived on Sunday and were back on the road on Tuesday to St. Louis. While in Utah, our church had been given a 25 ft. flatbed trailer that will be used for parades, etc. We were so excited for God's provision and timing. The Warix family was moving from Utah to the St. Louis area and graciously moved the trailer there for us. We just needed to get it to Georgia from there. Time was critical since the parade was the coming Saturday. We arrived back in Georgia on Wednesday evening and were able to use the trailer for the parade on Saturday.



The Refuge Baptist 4th of July parade float



Passing out info at the 4th of July parade in Cumming, GA



The muscle behind Dan [The Man] during the parade

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Saturday, July 4th was a huge success as our church was able to pass out around 1300 packets of information about our church and invitations to the upcoming VBS there.

That same day, we packed up and traveled through the night to Victory Baptist Church of Ocoee, FL. We had not been to this church before but were eager to be used there. Once again, Operation Grace was a success as we saw several young people make professions of faith that week. We look forward to being back with them again in two years.

We then traveled back home to Refuge for VBS number five. What a joy it was to do VBS for our home church and to see several new faces come through the doors. We may not have seen the numbers that we desired but believe God will use our consistency there in the future as we try to solidify the churches' name in the community.



Which way will it go? Richard weighs the VBS team offerings.

The end of July, we headed up to Indiana. We conducted a VBS for Forest Park Baptist Church of Terre Haute, IN. God's word worked through the week and on the last night we saw three young people accept Christ. One young man came up to Richard just before leaving asking questions about salvation. Richard led him to the Lord right there. This just proves that even though a meeting may be over, God continues to work.

Richard also spoke for a kids rally on Saturday, August 1 at Calvary Baptist Church of Brazil, IN. We enjoyed getting to know this church. We had not been there before but look forward to ministering there again in the future. New Hope Baptist Church of Clay City, IN was next. We saw one young man accept Christ there and is planning on getting baptized soon.



Dan spends some time with the kids at Calvary Baptist in Brazil, IN

Finally, we pulled into Heritage Baptist Church of Crown Point, Indiana for VBS number 9 the week of August 9. This was the third year in a row that we had been there for VBS. Each year the people of Heritage are so kind and the kids anticipate our coming. This year was no different. We had large crowds of very attentive, energetic young people and were excited to see some of the young people's spiritual growth through the years. Richard was also able to preach that week at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. What a joy to preach to these dear people that have so little, but sing like they know they have so much if they know Jesus.

The latter part of August was spent recouping and reorganizing. We made our way back to Georgia and reorganized all our VBS props and materials.

This was no small matter. We thank our church family for putting up with all our "stuff." After all, we have to store a Camp Kitchen, Ammo Depot, Hanger, P-40 Airplane, Construction backdrop, flight control tower and runway along with all the materials and puppets that go with those three themes, UGHH!

We are enjoying our fall. We were able to be home in Georgia through mid October, preparing for the annual Cumming Country Fair and Festival, which was held October 8-17.

We are always looking for unique ways to get the gospel out and the fair is one of them. We also have recently created a Facebook page for our dear puppet friend Dan "the Man." This may sound strange to have a puppet on Facebook but are excited about several various things we anticipate doing with it in the future all with the purpose of evangelizing and discipling people and youth into a greater relationship with Jesus.

We're now beginning to look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior at the end of the year, followed by meetings and preparations in the spring. Tune in next year to find out if our blue-headed friend Dan finds his brother Stan...



We appreciate your continued prayer for our ministry and our family!

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