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Re: July 2010 Report

Dear Brethren,

I am very encouraged by the results of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) efforts again this year. On the first Sunday after the VBS we had four new families that were in attendance as a direct result of the VBS. These were the extended families of our members and represented folks that we have been trying hard to encourage over the years.

The kids were so enthusiastic during and after the VBS that a couple of the families requested we start up the children's class on Sunday nights before the regular worship service in the auditorium again. After the VBS our attendance numbers have been up dramatically and not just on Sunday mornings but most importantly on Sunday evenings and Wednesday nights. People stay around to visit sometimes for a half an hour or more and it isn't just a hand full of folks but most of the congregation.

We did not have any participation in the VBS from the community this year though we did walk some of the neighborhoods in an effort to invite people. Unfortunately, the dates that we choose for the VBS conflicted with several other events in the area. Next year, God willing we can try harder to avoid conflicting dates.

I will say that the VBS really wears me out each year as I am sure that it does others as well. But it was helpful to have one of the men assist with the classes in the auditorium for the first time. That brother works two jobs and he took off from work at both jobs to be able to focus on the VBS.

The new Bible study at the Taylor Correctional Institute (TCI) Annex continues to likewise be VERY encouraging. We had 7 in the first meeting and 14 in the second. I have been corresponding with 4 other men that want to participate in these Bible studies at the Annex but they haven't been able to because of their work assignments. And these studies are in addition to the regular studies that we have at the TCI Work Camp and at Mayo Correctional Institute. I would be very hard pressed to set up 14 Bible studies with people from the community in a year's time. We have been blessed with three regular Bible studies with anywhere from 4 to 15 men. These men want to study the Bible and will participate with an hour to two hour study twice a month.

Just think brethren, some congregations don't have 14 men!

Your continuing support and fellowship makes these efforts possible. Please keep us and our efforts in your prayers. Your encouragement makes a difference in the Lord's work.



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