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ALAN HARRIS MINISTRIES

So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. - 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Dear Friends,

After a brief slow-down in our schedule, we have blown into spring full steam ahead! During the last month since our February newsletter, we have had the privilege of ministering in **seven churches in Alabama and Texas, as well as taking part in many other outreach opportunities.** We praise the Lord for relationships that continue to deepen with pastors and churches who desire to hear from God and to more fervently and effectively reach out to their families, friends, and communities with the life-changing message of the Gospel.

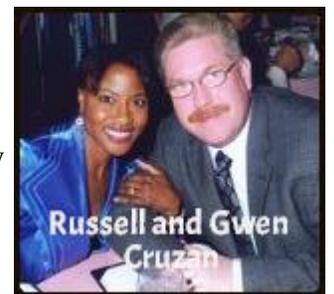


We love working with pastors from different backgrounds and churches in a variety of settings. Some we have known for many years while others are new friends. Pictured to the left is **Pastor Tim Thompson** with his wife Monica and their youngest daughter, Lily. Tim is from our home area, and is currently the new pastor of **Mountain View Baptist Church in Wetumpka, AL.** We are thankful when pastors move to a new area and don't forget us! Transitions are sometimes difficult times and always important times, and we want to be a blessing and encouragement during this crucial juncture.

One of our favorite areas of the country has always been **San Antonio, TX.** The past few years, we have had even more reason to enjoy San Antonio as God has given us a strong relationship with our friends at **Congregation Beth Simcha.**



Congregation Beth Simcha (House of Joy) is a Messianic Jewish Synagogue, proclaiming Yeshua (Jesus) as the Messiah. You will see stated on their website that they *"are a loving congregation dedicated to the Great Commission of Yeshua (Jesus) as expressed in the Good News of Mattityahu (Matthew) 28:18-20, as well as in Romans 1:16 which states: 'For I am not ashamed of the Good News, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile.'"* They have proven this to us by their generous support and encouragement as we strive to proclaim the Gospel in the US and overseas. We love to worship with them as they freely and joyfully praise their Messiah with a variety of traditional Jewish methods. Our long-time friend, **Elder Russell Cruzan, and his wife Gwen** were instrumental in introducing us to this dedicated Congregation.



One of the churches we enjoyed getting reacquainted with in Fort Worth, TX was **First Baptist Church of Fort Worth.** What a history this church has had in its 150 years in Fort Worth! **Pastor Don Wills** has been the pastor for 20 years! **Senior Adult Minister Mike Neal** invited us to the senior adult Tuesday meeting. Many of the folks invited their friends, and we had a good attendance for this special Gospel program and lunch. Angie was actually a member of this church during her first year as a student at Arlington Baptist College in



Arlington, TX. This is where Angie met our dear friend **Doris Crouch** who has faithfully supported us and prayed for us for many years.

Due to the generosity of some of the Dallas-Fort Worth churches as they provide missionary housing for us, we look forward to another month of meetings in the region. **You can see our upcoming schedule at alanharrisministries.org.** We would love to see you if you are in the area!

It is our sincere desire that those of you who are taking the time to read this newsletter would also take some time to pray for us. We believe in the power of prayer. We don't understand why our sovereign God chooses to limit His activity to the prayers of His people, or why our omnipotent Creator desires our fellowship. But we know by His own Words that He does, and we know by personal experience that He hears and answers prayers. Here in the United States, our prayers and our hearts seem to lack the desperation of those in other parts of the world. If God doesn't come through, then we just go on to Plan B. With our modern array of resources, we think we can handle things pretty well on our own. Why do we hear of God working so mightily in other parts of the world? Perhaps one reason is that they know that they have no Plan B. When we are faced with great need, our prayers become more desperate. May we all make desperate prayers a regular part of our lives. If we did, I believe we would see God glorified in a greater way as more people would see Him at work in and through us. As Paul said in 2 Thessalonians 3:1, *Finally brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you.*

Thank you for using our response cards! We love to hear from you, and we are praying for each request that has been sent to us.

Sincerely and thankfully yours,

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PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE
HARRIS FAMILY HOMECOMING
CONNEERSVILLE, INDIANA
AUG 19, 2017!!!

APRIL - MAY 2017

April 2: Central Baptist Church, Mansfield, TX
 April 9: The Church at Buffalo Creek, Waxahachie, TX
 April 16-PM: Calvary Baptist Church, Cleburne, TX
 April 19: Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, TX
 April 21: Dove Creek Cafe, Roanoke, TX
 April 23-AM: Cornerstone Community Church, Arlington, TX
 April 30: Central Baptist Church, Bowie, TX
 May 7: First Baptist Church, Canton, MI
 May 14: Calvary Baptist Church, Altavista, VA
 May 21-26: Bethany Baptist Church, McDermott, OH