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"I have been YOUNG, and now am OLD; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging for bread." Ps 37:25 "The STEAD FAST love of the LORD never ceases: His Mercies never come to an end; they are NEW every morning; GREAT is thy FAITH FULNESS. Lam 3:22-23

## **Dear Friends in Christ,**

We are truly living in some challenging times, yet we continue to see the grace of God in our lives. As we continue the journey that is before us, we are all aware of the needs all around us. And they are increasing daily! Which should cause us to seek the face of God so much the more. Everywhere we go, we have the opportunity to be ambassadors for Christ! Even in the little things – and in small ways. Blessed be God forever!

I made another amazing trip to Ohio, with my camper: from August 26th- September 17th. I drove nonstop from Burleson, TX to Murfreesboro, TN (740 miles). Reconnected with a few of my many sons for 2 ½ days. Fellowship, hang-time, and of course some meals along the way. I had lunch in Nashville with another fine son before heading for Ohio. This was an incredible pit stop to say the least! I then drove another 520 miles to Sugarcreek, OH: yes, you guessed it – re-connecting with many more sons and of course checking in on our discipleship house. It's absolutely amazing the work that God is doing in the hearts of these men! I'd venture to say that they have gotten along better than many of us being from the same country and church. The grace of God is absolutely amazing! Then for the Labor Day weekend, there was Family Camp with the church called Well from Winesburg - at Camp McPherson (another 100 miles RT). As for me, this was a very fulfilling and relaxing time indeed. The camp meetings were so life giving and very encouraging in every way. I was so blessed in so many ways: met so many amazing people and I think that I could have gone for a few more days yet! I felt so honored to have been at this year's family camp! This was so refreshing, from the very start until the last day!!

I got acquainted with lots of new people: Stevie and Jared, and a few more brethren from the church in Penn Yan, NY as well! They are co-laboring for the cause of Christ – the souls of men! The Lord willing, I will be making a trip there soon! I then spent a few more days in the Sugarcreek area, meeting up with and encouraging the brethren! All the while, being encouraged by them in so many ways! God is very good to me and is so faithful! What unspeakable joy that there is in serving the people that God puts before us! This is Life!! I then headed to Girard / Southington (NE Ohio -90 miles): I was to be there for about six days. Another fine son – Robby, who lived with me for four years in the Sugarcreek area! An incredible time to say the least! He's self-employed, married and has an amazing family and business - the Best tree service in the land! I had the privilege to have lunch with his employees and to share a word of encouragement to each one of them! What an honor! I had lots of hang-time with him during the day and with his family during evenings. Saturday morning, (which has been every Saturday morning for more than 15 years now), there was a prayer meeting and Bible study with about 40 men - a very powerful time indeed! And many of them would stay afterwards to do whatever works that needed to be done on the church! We soon realized that no matter where we go on the journey, we are very passionate about serving others!! There is a great cry and a need for love and time to be spent with others! The Sunday morning gathering of believers was beyond the borders! Blessed beyond measure! I also attended their annual Men's Retreat - held at Geneva on the Lake! (From Monday morning until Wednesday night at the Living Word Sanctuary). There were 60 men that attended this retreat. The most ever! And of course, I adopted a few more sons! This was another powerful time - God showed up and demonstrated His power and manifested His presence to us in so many ways. This was also another time for me to be personally encouraged, recharged, blessed and honored by so many of the brethren! This was the goodness of our God in the land of the living! I then left after that Wednesday night service heading to Jacksonville, AL! I got on the road about 10:30 that evening - after about four hours of driving, I felt pretty sleepy. So, I slept for about four hours in a hotel parking lot in the northern part of Cincinnati. Feeling refreshed, I then drove 480 miles to Jacksonville, Alabama: to be with another fine son that I've known since the late 80's! Upon my arrival into Jacksonville, (about a two day stay), I got re-connected with Josh and Blake, and met some great brothers along the way! Many of them just needed someone to listen to them - hear their story! I was encourage that they were encouraged! There is nothing like the fellowship of the brethren! There were a number of things that were accomplished at this stop! Josh and his family and friends received me with open arms and hearts. I could feel it!! Yes, I wanted to bring all these people home with me!! ① I then headed home - Burleson, TX! After breakfast with Josh and Blake, I then drove 765 miles nonstop to my driveway! It was good to be home and back in Texas! Not 1 casualty but, angles all around me and lots of DA's along the way! Glory to God forever more!

On the home-front: for the past six months now, I've been attending an employee prayer / staff meeting, held once a month, (the 1st Wednesday of the month) at the McAndrew Motors - Central Alps in Arlington, TX. We've had some awesome times as we pray for the company, its employees, the customers and their overall testimony in the region. I have been and am really encouraged by these men and women, and have become very close to Drex - I am his uncle@!! For we gather to hear the heart of God, both for our lives and for the company! What an honor indeed! I initially went there to get my truck serviced – recommended by Braden - I met Michael and Drex and a number of others that morning! As I was there for about four hours, I could sense that something was different about this place / this company! Later that night, I went to their prayer meeting at their church; so, I've kept in touch with them ever since. And you can imagine the rest of the story! I am very excited about this contact / relationship! God is up to something amazing! He is very good & faithful to me!!

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