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Greetings in the name of our precious LORD Jesus Christ.

Wow, how the time has flown by this year. 2020 has been a very interesting year, to say the least. I pray you all have been well and safe.

### **Northwest Missouri**

I, and sometimes our entire family, have been meeting with the Saints that meet in Gallatin about once a month. God willing, I plan to do so in 2021. When Brother Louis Garib was there, Brother Ron McNeely came forward and desired to be a part of the congregation. Praise God!

I have been blessed to meet with the Brethren at Old Scotland about 4 times this past year; and I hope to assist them 4 or 5 times this coming year, as God wills. It has been a blessing to have my oldest daughter, Tabitha, and niece, Natasha, accompany me this past year, and hopefully this coming year!

We were so saddened by the quick passing away of Sister Deanna Nelson in late September. Earlier in the year Sister Lois Prindle had lost her battle with cancer.

### **White Oak Work**

The numbers of the Brethren at White Oak have been dwindling – Sister (Aunt) Elva Holiday rested from her labors here on earth. She had been a strong pillar there at White Oak for many years and her presence is definitely missed. Sister Mildred Oldham, a member of Brookfield, passed away this year. She for several years lived with her daughter Sherry Risch and would attend services at White Oak. Her smiling face and words of encouragement are missed. I had the honor to share officiating with D.D. Russell at her funeral.

**Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.**

**Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."**

**(Revelations 14:12-13)**

We are sad to see Brother Mike and Sister Rose Marie McGowan slowing down. They have not been able to meet with the Brethren as often as they would like. Sister Sherry Risch is having to go through treatments for her kidneys, which deplete her immune system, and there have been other various ailments.

Because the Brethren meets in evenings, I am able to be with them several Sundays each month. I can be with another congregation in the morning and drive to be with White Oak in the evening. We are so thankful for Brother Wade Stanley, who has been

assisting them on the third Sundays; and Brother Jack Russell from Fayette congregation has assisted them on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays when he has been able. We are so thankful for the participation of many Brethren from Brookfield: D.D. & Donna Russell, Isaac Rude, and others as they are able. All the Brethren's assistance is greatly appreciated—we thank God for you!

By the grace of God, the White Oak Brethren, though fewer in numbers, were blessed to host their Annual meeting in August. Through much prayer and counsel, it was determined to not fear, but trust God and move along, taking every precaution.

I know there are Brethren all over the United States and the world that are facing such and even more severe questions and consequences pertaining to Covid. Please pray for the leaders of the local congregations; pray for wisdom and fortitude to do what is right. Encourage them and uphold them through the difficult decisions.

**And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you,  
and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,  
and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace  
among yourselves.**

**(1 Thessalonians 5:12-13)**

### **Other Parts**

I was able to assist the Brethren who meet at Claycomo a couple times this past year, and plan on being with them a few times this coming year. The last of January was able to be with the Brethren who meet in Warrensburg, MO. Good to see the Brethren there!

In February, I was able to share a couple of lessons with the Brethren who meet in Fenton, MO. Jim Yamry was able to accompany me. It was at Fenton's Anniversary meeting about 40 years ago that he was buried with Christ in baptism! God willing, I have been invited back for this coming year. Also, I was blessed to meet with the Brethren in Nixa, MO, and to fellowship with them. It was good to see Brother Tom Dennis and his new bride!

I missed being with the Brethren who meet in Gardner, KS. Normally I meet with them once a year. This past year Covid was coming on, and I had a cold. Normally, I would push through it, but for the sake of the Brethren and knowing little about Covid, it was determined I should stay home. God willing, I plan to be with them this year!

Because of Covid lock downs, I did not make my annual trip to work with the churches in AZ. MO for most of April had a stay at home order. We shall see if I am able to work with the Brethren this year.

In July I was with the Brethren at Ottawa, KS for a weekend meeting. I developed a cough the week before, so out of precaution's sake I got tested for Covid—I tested negative. I didn't want to share if it were Covid—thank God it was not. It was good to be with the Brethren at Rock Creek!

Our children and I are sure many Brethren mourned the cancellation of the Midwest Bible Campout and the Two Week Summer Bible Study. If God wills, may they continue this year!

I was blessed to be with the Old Lamine congregation in late August. Because of Brookfield cancelling their annual Fall meeting, I was blessed with the opportunity of assisting the Brethren at Braymer. I had never been there before, so this was a treat!

In October I was blessed to conduct a weekend meeting with the Brethren who meet in Topeka, KS. While there, I enjoyed the kind hospitality of Fred and Beverly Meeks.

In November, Tabitha accompanied me to Gregory Blvd. It was nice to be with the Brethren in the morning. Then that afternoon we traveled to be with the White Oak Brethren.

### **Around Eldon**

Louis and I were blessed to continue the Bible studies at the *Miller County Nursing Center* on Tuesday mornings in person until Covid hit. Then we were blessed to continue via Google Meets. It's not the same as in person, but at least a way to continue to study God's precious word.

On a snowy day in February, Louis Garbi and I were able to assist Betty Roach in obeying the Gospel. She is an older lady who is a resident of *Eldon Nursing Care Center*. She attended services before her health and Covid came. Before Covid we had Bible studies at *Eldon Nursing Care Center* on Wednesday mornings, with the assistance of Brother Jim Yamry. Then Bible study with Betty on Thursday mornings.

After Covid, we were able to keep a Bible study with Betty and another lady via Google Meets, using one of the workers' phone. But that did not continue. Please pray that there might be a way for this to resume. We send cards and letters encouraging her to continue to study her Bible.

The Brethren at Eldon has been so blessed to have Brother Kevin Ferguson as a part of the group! As many of you know, he is a good teacher/speaker and his spirit is precious! Brother Jim Yamry's body is slowing down, and he is not able to do what he has done in the past.

Because of Covid the Eldon Turkey Festival was cancelled this year, so we were not able to have our booth and visit with our neighbors as usual.

### **Around the Home**

We got a call in late September on a Friday night from the State Children's Division. They were asking if we could temporarily take in a couple of teenage girls whom we knew through previous Bible studies with their mom. We agreed, although we only had our couches for them to sleep on. This temporary arrangement led to nearly a month. We were happy to have them with us, but I felt horrible, as they had very little privacy. I pray for these girls.

Robin and I gave them their own Bibles before they left. They had been borrowing Bibles when we would have family Bible time. I pray they will read their Bibles, know that God loves them, and they may one day have a relationship with Christ through obedient faith.

During the last four months, Natasha, who is in High School, and Jonathan, in Middle School, both have had to quarantine because each had been around a student who tested positive for Covid. During those times Natasha and Jonathan would have to learn from home using Google Classroom, a computer program through Google's website that is tied

to our local school system. Teachers are able to leave work for the children to do, and students are able to do school work through the website. There's nothing like person to person learning, but this is one option when person to person is not available. Needless to say, it's been a crazy time at the Huff house!

Several times we had children who were quarantined, but no COVID in our house until December. Did it hit with vengeance!—first poor Robin, and about week later myself. Natasha for a few days was down, lost sense of smell and taste for a week or so, and tested positive; that was her extent. Jonathan tested negative. Lily did not get tested, but also lost taste and smell for some time. Robin seemed to get through it fairly quickly; but as lately her breathing has been sporadic. She was diagnosed with pneumonitis—inflammation of the lungs. The steroid antiinflammation meds makes her jittery. She is doing better—thank God and your prayers! I don't think I have ever been sicker, for longer, in my life. I am still building back stamina. The children will be off quarantine this weekend. During this, Tabitha & Natasha had to miss their Winter Choir Concert, and Jonathan had to miss the last few weeks of Basketball. With Lily and Abigail being homeschooled it didn't affect them drastically, as it did the other children.

As of December 26<sup>th</sup>, we have been blessed to have my great niece (Natasha, 16) and nephew (Jonathan, 14) a part of our family for the last 4 years! Sometimes it seems longer and other times not that long. Natasha has a part time job at the Eldon Drive In. Jonathan continues to grow—he is now 14 years old and wears a size 14 shoe. (Check out the pictures below).

I so much appreciate my dear wife, who is mother and aunt to our 5 children. She is such a blessing!

**Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.  
Proverbs 31:10**

This year, 2020, my beautiful Bride and I were blessed to celebrate 20 years of marriage! God is good! There has been a lot of looking back on that day, and the night before (friendly Christian bachelor party). We watched our wedding video. And for the first time in 20 years, we watched the video of my bachelor torture...I mean party. Good times for all except maybe for the victim. 8-)

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, kind words of encouragement, and sharing in the work we are involved with. We thank God for your love and faithfulness to Him and His people. I am humbled by your love and generosity, allowing me to be able to work in the LORD's vineyard. May the LORD's name be lifted up and glorified.

In His service,

Dan





Taken December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016

L-R – Jonathan, Lily, Abigail, Natasha, and Tabitha



Taken in November 2020 in front of Robin's folks' house.

L-R – Abigail 8, Tabitha 18, Robin, Jonathan 14, Dan, Natasha 16, Lily 14