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Dear brothers and sisters,

I trust you are well in His loving care as are we. The Lord continues to extend His mercy to allow me to work in my portion of His vineyard. As you can expect I have been busy.

The church at Williams has had two immersions over the past few months. The adult children of a sister here in the body were both immersed. We praise Him for His goodness and mercy. In spite of our wicked society, the gospel still strives, and there are still souls searching for Hope! Speaking of which, we had a number of visitors yesterday at the Williams congregation. Two brothers who live in Flagstaff have been looking for a faithful congregation of the Lord's people. These brothers do not know each other, but they happened to visit Williams on the same Lord's Day. They both plan to continue meeting with the congregation regularly. We praise the Lord for their faith.

Due to my recent trip to the Midwest and East I have not been able to meet with the congregations here in the Southwest until yesterday. I plan to renew my travels in the Southwest later this week.

The church at Huachuca City continues to enjoy the Lord's blessings as a congregation of the Lord's body. I hope to be with them at their mid-week meeting later this week. We have been studying the Revelation letter. To my knowledge the church at Pima is doing well. I also hope to meet with them at their mid-week meeting this coming Thursday. I have been teaching from the first letter of John. Following these visits I hope to travel to Chama, NM this coming weekend to renew fellowship with those dear saints. We have been studying what is called the Messianic Psalms at their request.

I hope to renew fellowship with the churches at Long Beach, CA and White Rock, NM over the next two months as well. I have been studying from the Ephesian and Colossian letters with Long Beach. I have been studying the First letter of John with the White Rock, NM congregation.

As I mentioned earlier, I traveled east to meet with some congregations. I met first with my home congregation at Prince Rd. in Alton, IL. It was a blessing to renew fellowship with the congregation. They recently were blessed with two new elders appointed. They

now have four, but it is odd that I now have three elders younger than me! I was blessed to present three lessons to them.

I met with the Clifffield, VA church. It was great to be with them again for a few days and present some lessons to them. However, just last week I received a phone call from Jeff Taylor to inform me Tom Shifflit had passed away. He had been struggling with health issues over the past few years or so. They have now lost two elders over the past few years or so. Fortunately, they have two elders remaining. I was blessed to present a few lessons to them. I shared my speaking time with a younger brother from east Tennessee that Jeff wanted me to meet.

I then met with the Chapel Glen congregation for a weekend. Unfortunately, I was unable to see Kenny Long, because he was down with pneumonia. I was blessed to present two lessons to them on Lord's Day.

I then concluded my trip with a weekend with the Martensdale, IA church. It was great to stay with Duane Proudfit again. This was my first time seeing him since his wife Mary had passed away. Duane seems to be doing okay. He is thankful Mary is not suffering anymore, for she had been dealing with serious issues for at least a couple of years. I was able to present three lessons to the congregation.

It was a long trip, and I was certainly thankful to return home safely.

It was also a blessing to have Dan Huff and his daughter, Abigail, visiting Arizona as they normally do in the Spring. Dan was able to visit and speak at the churches at Williams, Huachuca City and Pima. I know his words were well-received as they normally are!

I thank you for your prayers and support, financial and otherwise. May the Lord bless and keep in as you labor in your portion of His vineyard. For those of you who help us financially, may the Lord add to your account fruit from this endeavor. I love you all.

Jay

Philippians 4:14-17 ¹⁴ ***Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress.*** ¹⁵ ***Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only.*** ¹⁶ ***For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities.*** ¹⁷ ***Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account.***