

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Dear Friends,

Greetings to you from the Colin True family in Urbana, Ohio. We hope and pray that you are all well.

The past six weeks or so, have been amazing, there has been so much happening that some of it is just a blur. There have been so many good things happening within the congregation lately. Back on the weekend of 9 – 10<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Glenn Newton from the Rockvale congregation in Murfreesboro. Glenn carried out an Evangelism Workshop over that weekend, which was just awesome. It really gave the entire congregation a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm for evangelism. The sessions were crammed with practical steps on how we reach those in our community who are unchurched.

The following weekend on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, our daughter Arlene was married to Darrell Rodin. It was a beautiful wedding, I gave her away and also conducted the ceremony. Please keep them both in your prayers as they embark on their new life together. Also, we are praying that soon Darrell will obey the gospel. We continue to encourage him, and answer the questions he has with regard to his spiritual life. It was so good to be able to spend some time with our dear friends (family) David & Jacque Anderson from Florence, Alabama, who attended the wedding.

No sooner had we rested from that weekend, and then we had some good friends visit and stay a few days the next weekend. June Palmer from Glasgow, Scotland, has been a close friend of ours since our days with the Cumbernauld congregation in Scotland. June has remained in contact with us through the years. She has been in Toronto Canada visiting her sister recently, and so, she, and her sister Margo Harding, drove down from Canada to spend some time with us. It was wonderful to spend time and catch up on what has been happening. They are tremendous friends to us, and always a source of great encouragement.

Last weekend, as if it has not been busy enough round here, we moved house!! Our new address is 266 Parkway Blvd, Urbana, OH 43078. We have been very blessed in this house move. Our previous house here in Urbana was well over 100 yrs old and had some problems. The local realtor had rented it to us for a moderate monthly rent; however, we soon realized that it needed a lot of work done in it. No insulation etc. meant our last winter's heating bills averaged \$650 per month. The agent said he had no intention to put any money into the place, so we were in the market for a new place to live. Recently one of the members of the congregation invested in an additional property, a 10yrs old ranch style house, and asked if we would like to rent it from him. It took us only a few moments to know that this would be a good move for us, and so here we are. Whilst the rent is considerably more than we were paying, the huge savings in winter fuel bills should offset that. I think we have all of the boxes emptied and we are almost back to normal again!!

Recently we have welcomed three visiting families to the congregation. One of the families, the Benivides family, dad, mom, and daughters aged 18 and 4, are not yet Christians, so please keep this in your prayers as we reach out to teach them the Gospel.

Our teen class continues to flourish, we had almost 20 at the last teen meeting/devo we had. They continue to invite others to the meetings, and are a great bunch of young folks.

Preparations are well under way for our major outreach program this coming September. It has been decided to commence a Tuesday school for 4 – 5 yr olds from the community. We will limit numbers to 24 kids. The ladies have been meeting regularly to prepare materials and discuss curriculum etc. There is a great sense of enthusiasm at this project. So far, we have “signed up” approx 4 local kids, and teachers are “in place.”

We visited the local nursing home again recently, and sang for, and visited with the residents. We are scheduled to return on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month.

Hopefully in the next month or so, Heather and I can get a few days off to recharge our batteries which are running low!! Ross is in conditioning training for football season. He will attend football mini-camp for 4 days at the end of the month. He continues to weight-lift, and enjoys his athletic events.

We want to thank you all so much for your continued words of encouragement. The work is often hard and at times we meet discouragements, but your words and prayers lift us. We thank God for all of you.

In Him,

Colin, Heather, & Ross  
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