



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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Just the other day I was reading back over the mission statement of Abiding Above Ministries. I remember my longtime friend, David Rainey, helping me craft this mission statement after a Bible study on the campus of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

***To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person
To encourage spiritual growth in every believer
By the power of the Holy Spirit and
To the glory of God.***

This mission continues to guide what we do as we trust God with everything.

From the beginning we saw the need for simple explanations of the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we can see, our nation long ago began to drift from God and His Word. Because of that, contrary to what we assume, the majority is not clear on the gospel message that brings men, women, boys, and girls to faith in Christ. We are committed:

1. To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the simplest way we can.

From the beginning we also knew the need for simple discipleship for those who had put their trust in Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. Once a person has trusted in Jesus Christ they do not know what to do next. So, we are committed:

2. To encourage spiritual growth in every believer in the simplest way we can.

From the beginning we knew that what we were doing needed to be done by the indwelling Holy Spirit. If not, it would be done in the energy of the flesh though we would be doing good things. Therefore, we are committed to this mission and the strength to do so:

3. By the power of the Holy Spirit as we simply surrender ourselves to His control and, therefore His guidance.

From the beginning we knew to operate this way would bring glory to our Father Who is in heaven. The glory belongs exclusively to God Who is our Maker, our Lord, and our Life. So, we remain committed:

4. To the glory of God

This has guided us since **May 2005**. For more than 10 years we have operated by faith.

This has led us to establish a through the mail discipleship school where thousands of simple Bible lessons have gone out here in America and also in foreign countries. This has led us to preach, teach, counsel, and train basing all on the Word of God, and to lead us to use every means possible to get the gospel message out to many through the printed page, radio airwaves, and through the Internet to reach the world for Christ.

If you would like to tune in to our 2-minute radio spot go to **WCRV 640 AM** at **5:02 pm Monday through Friday**. Currently our radio program reaches 5 southern states and Washington, D. C., and we are also on radio in Cape Town, South Africa.

We need an increase in gifts to expand our radio programming. We sure need you! Please write a check today and begin supporting us in this crucial area of radio broadcasting.

From one of our listeners:

"I was planning to quit my job the next morning as I was so hurt in a meeting earlier that day. I turned on the radio and heard you say, "Trust me friend, nothing can get to God's sheep unless it comes through the Shepherd. The deeper most penetrating question to ask ourselves is, 'What can I learn from this trial? What is God about to show me?' So, I decided to keep my job and watch God. Thank you for your radio program. If I had quit my job out of anger it would have had devastating effects on my family and my future in the field I work in."

From one of our students who is being discipled through the mail with our Bible lessons:

"I've learned so much since I've been reading and working through your Bible lessons. I am learning things that I didn't know or ever thought about. I am closer to God than I have ever been. Amen!"

Thank you friend for supporting us with prayers and your financial gifts. We need you, and God is using you!

Abiding above,



President
Abiding Above Ministries
Colossians 3:1-3

PS: If you would like to receive a free Bible lesson just write to us at this address or call us at 901-590-9890. And you can also sign others up and we will send their lessons to them. We also have simple gospel tracts we can make available to you.