

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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*Pastors Conference In Virginia:* Thank you for your prayers as I traveled to Virginia to lead the Pastor's Conference with Dr. Johnny Hunt's church. It was a total success and we are talking about more work in this region with pastors, and also, evangelism outreach, and discipleship. They are very interested in our Abiding Above Discipleship School to use for follow up for the new converts. This is offered to them for free, and this is only possible because of your faithful giving to help us **share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person and encourage spiritual growth in every believer by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.**

*A Divine Appointment:* While traveling in Virginia I stopped along the way for a sandwich and met this young man who later sent me this e-mail. I hope this will be an encouragement to you as it was for me.

*Mr. Hodges,*

*We met at Quizno's in Danville, Va. I just wanted to tell you that I really enjoyed talking with you and that I checked out your site. It was very inspiring to me as I seek out God's will in my life.*

*I also want you to know that meeting you was a blessing at this time in my life. I believe that all things happen for a reason and that God arranged our meeting. If it is ok with you I would like to keep in touch and get your insight as I embark on the journey of living as Christ lives in me and through me.*

*Thank you so much for your time and wisdom. Only God would have known that a late lunch in a quiet shop would lead to personal insight, spiritual guidance, and divine wisdom. I would have thought a Bible verse at a retreat weekend on a mountain top near to God Himself but, apparently God sent the Ten Commandments from the mountain top and divine guidance in the sandwich shop. (At least for me.)*

*Thank you again. I hope to talk to you soon.*

We never really know the influence we might have at a chance meeting like this one. This is just another reason we should spend time in God's Word, listening to His Holy Spirit, and having a heart to obey. He fills our mouth full of His wisdom as He brings to remembrance all that we learn in those moments of quiet meditations with Him.

***Called To Serve:*** There have been many spiritual guidance sessions in the office this month. God is really working in the lives of many people. I am always encouraged to see how people are set free as I lead them to see their position in Christ. It is beautiful to watch this gradual dawning unfold for them.

When I am in town I continue to help Forest Hill Baptist Church; they are in a transition period seeking a new pastor. We have seen salvations, rededications, and many have joined in recent days. I have also enjoyed preaching each month at two of our local rescue missions, Calvary Rescue Mission and Memphis Union Mission, and have seen over 116 pray to receive Christ since the beginning of this year. *Please pray for me during this busy time in my schedule.*

***Equipping The Saints:*** I continue to teach the Evangelism Explosion (E.E.) team at Bellevue Baptist Church each Tuesday evening. I am doing a power point presentation on what the Bible teaches about how man is made up Spirit, Soul, and Body. This teaching so liberates people, and helps them to understand themselves, and those around them. It gives deep discernment as you witness to people.

***Interview On WCRV Radio:*** This month I was interviewed by Byron Tyler on WCRV Radio. He interviewed me about our 2007 Crusade in Ethiopia. I shared with him and the WCRV listening audience all that God did, giving Him all the glory. It is always both exciting and humbling to reflect on what God has done.

***Intercessory Prayer Team:*** You have been a blessing to us, and I know you have been praying for me and my family, and Abiding Above Ministries; we continue to see the fruit of those prayers. We want to intercede on your behalf. As God's children we are all called to prayer. *I would like to encourage you to mail your prayer requests to the Abiding Above Ministries address, or you may mail your prayer requests using our enclosed return envelope each month.* We have a group of prayer warriors who will come together each week for the expressed purpose of receiving your prayer requests, and lifting you, and your needs up to our heavenly Father.

***Looking Ahead:*** As we look forward to the months ahead pray for me as I prepare to preach at a Christian Worker's Conference in Nigeria, a spiritual growth retreat in Mississippi, a Deeper Life Conference at America's Keswick in New Jersey, simultaneous church revivals in Cape Town, South Africa, and many more events in between.

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Colossians 3:1-3