

Dear Faithful Friend,

December 2005

What a wonderful December! Early this month, my friend, Randy, and I, flew to Oklahoma, for the purpose of entering into talks with the Director of Operations for the Choctaw Indian Reservation, about using our discipleship system to encourage and disciple the Choctaw people. The Apostle Paul had his churches that he ministered to by letter, and we can have the ten counties in this Indian nation to do the same. Of course, this will be done in two ways.

1. One way is through the mail using our present volunteers and bringing on new ones.
2. A second way will be to have mature believers who live on the reservation use the lessons with groups in the community centers located in each county.

The next step in this process will be an interview with the Chief and his council for final approval. Please pray for God's favor in this opportunity.

I also had the opportunity to preach at a mission downtown, and to see many pray to receive Christ, and enroll in our free Bible Study Course. What a blessing to see men and women turn from sin to a Savior, Jesus Christ!

I was invited to speak to the men at Forrest Hill Baptist Church, at their brotherhood breakfast, focusing on the inspiring truth of the Believers Identity in Christ. I was well received, and the pastor has invited me to fill the pulpit on my birthday, Sunday, February 12th, for the morning and evening services.

I have received two wonderful opportunities for 2006 to minister in Russia and Mexico. I will be traveling in May to Moscow, to preach on the Believers Identity in Christ in different cities. The focus will again be for pastors. There will also be an opportunity to preach in the chapel of a seminary while I am there. Yes, I will be ministering to the Russian people, the country where we adopted our daughter, Maclaren. I believe God is opening many doors to reach this nation and I anticipate more ministry there in the future.

I want to thank you for praying and supporting me in my upcoming trip to Kenya, Africa. When you receive this letter I will be on my way. You have made this trip possible. I am responsible to God first, and to you for allowing me to follow this ministry opportunity. Since you began to pray, I have been amazed how this trip has unfolded with even more opportunities to minister than previously expected. I have been contacted by two other missions organizations to speak on their behalf to the local high schools and the missions leadership teams. I will be busy.

I will be missing my family while away. Please pray for me in this. We know this is God's call and we are answering it with, "*yes Lord.*" It would be easier to stay in the states and

minister locally, but God has called me to be available to go anywhere He directs. We will, and we must obey.

After a young African was martyred for his faith, this writing was found in his room,

“I’m part of the fellowship of the unashamed, the die has been cast, I have stepped over the line, the decision has been made-I’m a disciple of Jesus Christ-I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure-I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, worldly talking, cheap giving and dwarfed goals. My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions are few, my guide is reliable, my mission is clear. I won’t give up, shut up, let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up for the cause of Jesus Christ. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till everyone knows, work till He stops me and when He comes for His own, He will have no trouble recognizing me because my banner will have been clear.”

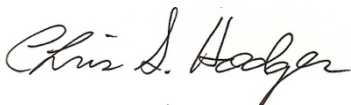
My friend, let’s you and I have the mind and heart of this young man. Soon, and very soon, how much we have, personal appearance, position, power, control, etc. will mean absolutely nothing to us except the overwhelming awareness that these temporary things have blinded us from eternal things above.

***Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face
And the things on earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.***

My personal mission, and the mission of Abiding Above Ministries is to ... ***“share the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, encourage spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.”***

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for your help. You are special, you are loved, you are needed, and you are accepted and appreciated by me. Let Him live through you, right now!

Abiding above,



President
Abiding Above Ministries
Colossians 3:1-3