



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

December 2021

We praise the Lord as you make us a part of your unbroken communion with God, and we thank you so much for your continued kindness.



God has used us in helping to plant multiplying, disciple-making churches in Kenya. If you will remember, we did this in an organized way. I made trips to Kenya for the purpose of training individuals in how to raise leaders to plant churches. These churches are designed for God's children to be primary soul-winners and disciple makers. Thank you for praying for us and giving so that this could begin in the cities of Kissi and Kisumu. These men we trained continue in preaching, teaching, and training for the purpose of multiplying disciples and are now envisioning new church plants.



This is Pastor Daniel's church plant. Daniel has been instrumental in opening doors for us in church planting. Daniel is a faithful man of God and in many ways is seen as an Apostle Paul to young men in Kenya.

Please be in prayer for me as I continue to seek God's wisdom about making a trip to Kenya. I really need to have a leaders' conference to encourage the men who have planted churches and to train them in spiritual disciplines. We may also plan for a large, outdoor, evangelistic festival.

It was a joy to preach at Memphis Union Mission on the last day of November in their new facility. God has truly blessed them! This much needed facility upgrade will greatly improve their ministry to homeless men in the Memphis area. I brought a message that was entitled "**A Man and His Friends.**" I taught them that it is nearly impossible to be different from those you associate with on a regular basis. I encouraged them to take an assessment of their present friendships and to make a decision immediately to walk, and even run away from those men who consistently bring others down around them. I quoted several times something I used to hear my father say when I was a child, "*Birds of a feather flock together.*"

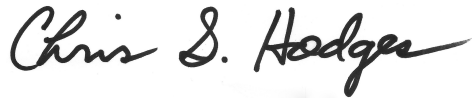
As I finished my message to them, I gave a gospel plea and we heard many praying and asking Christ to come into their lives. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

A lady named Linda wrote to us about her joy in doing the Bible lessons that we promote here at Abiding Above. She writes, "*Bro. Hodges, these lessons seem to come at just the right moments in my life. Always helping me to feel better. Thank you for introducing them to me. Also, wanted to let you know I was baptized recently and my faith grows stronger.*"

My friend, God uses simple Bible lessons in profound ways. Write to us if you would like a free Bible lesson. You can also include the names of people you know who would like to receive the first lesson. It will be the beginning of a great blessing to you.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season, as we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, as a baby born in a simple manger. Let's remember, when we all get to heaven, the only scars there will be, will be in the hands and feet of our Savior.

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "C" and "H".

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Colossians 3:1-3

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