



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

April 2020

We are so grateful for your continued prayer and giving support as you partner with us 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.*



The Jesus Film showing in Sardis, MS

My brother, Randall, my friend, Logan Mitchell, and I sharing the Jesus Film in the Mississippi Delta, at a church in Sardis, MS. As you can see, the chairs were placed apart for social distancing. We were expecting up to 300 people, but we had 32 because of the coronavirus. We paused the movie at the crucifixion scene where Jesus said, *“Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!” And with those words he breathed his last.* **Luke 23:46.**

As we led in prayer for salvation, we could hear students and adults whispering to the Lord. Every person that attended received a through-the-mail Bible lesson according to their age. These lessons are graded by volunteers in Memphis. Because of your giving, the Abiding Above Discipleship School continues its literature ministry.

In the midst of this present worldwide spread of the coronavirus people are being saved. Praise our Lord! To God be the glory, great things He continues to do, just like we have seen done throughout history.

A good friend texted me the other day, "I want you to know - I'm dying! I was infected with a deadly disease before birth! Thank God, my spirit which was dead is now alive forever, and my soul is growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ - and one day I'll get that new body!"

As you continue to faithfully pray and support, Abiding Above Ministries has been able to build in Africa our second simple local church structure. For each church building, the pastor has been trained in how to lead God's people to disciple others and train them how to become disciple makers. We also have 7 churches meeting together in homes. Let's continue to help these African pastors and people, and at the same time, let's pray for our churches in America. Everyone agrees, the Lord must come first in our lives and local churches.



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It's understandable that the Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade was cancelled in Memphis, TN. A team of us were ready to hand out 2,500 special gospel tracts for this particular event. This would have been our third year. I believe the virus will subside, and next year, we might hand out double this amount!!

Please pray for us. In light of the recent orders from our state and local governments our schedule is subject to change. I'm scheduled for street evangelism on a Saturday, with preaching on Sunday in late April in Missouri. There is also, a week of evangelism with a team from Memphis in Connecticut, much like we did last year in the State of New York. This has been planned for a long time. I'm reminded of this verse in the days in which we are living:

Matthew 6:10 – *"May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."*

Keep praying and giving! Jesus is coming very soon!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

President
Abiding Above Ministries
Colossians 3:1-3