

New Testament Church Planting

A Ministry of Wilson Creek Baptist Church Newsletter from Karl and Mary Badalian

1 Thessalonians 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

May and June

First part of May, we were able to take a week and visit three of our supporting churches. Our first stop was Union City Baptist Temple in Union City, Tennessee. Our friends, Waymon and Gaynell Dyer had us spend Saturday and Sunday evening with them. We enjoyed fellowshipping with Pastor Tony Keeton and his wife Laura and attended Sunday services there. Our next stop was to attend a couples retreat hosted by Pastor Joshua Poole of Faithway Baptist Church in Greenfield, Indiana. This retreat was a double blessing because it allowed us time with Rick and Tonya Salazar, Mary's sister and brother-in-law. Rick is the associate pastor of Faithway Baptist Church and they are not just family, but also friends. After attending Wednesday service at Faithway we headed to Georgia. Mary's brother John is the associate pastor at Charity Baptist Fellowship in Jonesboro Georgia. After church on Sunday, we made the long drive back to Abbeville Louisiana.

Monday we were able to work on the installation of a suspended ceiling for the building with longtime friend and Christian brother Ruben Ray who traveled from Albuquerque, New Mexico for this part of the project. By Wednesday we were finishing up the grid work and installing the ceiling tiles. After the suspended ceiling was installed, Steve Worrell and I hung the metal doors that had arrived the previous month. We continued to work on painting and wiring for lights until we had to leave the last week of May to return to our home church.

The first week of June, our home Church rents a Church Camp facility and has a junior camp for second through sixth grade kids. We do all the cooking, counseling, cleaning and activities that it takes to run the camp. My wife, Mary, and I were privileged to get to spend nights in the dorms with the kids. Our adults and teenagers put in a lot of work to make the camp a success. The last week in June is always the time we take our older young people to Silver State Baptist Youth Camp in Colorado. About 50 adults and young people went to camp in Colorado this year. My wife Mary and I go hiking at 5:30 in the morning and take whoever wants to go from the over 18 year-old crowd. We also got to spend our nights in the dorms helping to minister to the youth from our church.

It is truly a blessing for us to be able to be back at our home church the month of June and help with the two camps.

Our plans: To assist on a remodel project in Russellville Arkansas then on to West Virginia if we can.

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