

Dear Fellow Laborers: April 2025

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said..." Matt. 28:6

What if the resurrection never happened? That's an alternate reality Paul explored in depth in 1 Corinthians 15. If there is no resurrection, "then is our preaching vain," our "faith is vain," and "ye are yet in your sins," and "we are of all men most miserable." But, praise God, the tomb is still empty! Because He is risen, our preaching has power, our faith is not worthless, we stand before Him forgiven, and we are of all men most hopeful! Rejoice in the living hope that is within you "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"!

The Lord was gracious enough to allow us to visit four different churches throughout the month of April. We started with Bible Baptist Church and Pastor Paul Shearin for their missions conference in Hillsboro, TX. Next, we quickly flew to Indianapolis, IN to join Cornerstone Baptist Church and Pastor Colin Morton for their missions conference. What a blessing it was to be able to preach multiple times, including in their school chapel. What a time of rejoicing it was when a young man raised his hand during the invitation indicating he wasn't sure of his salvation, but he had the courage to stay behind after we dismissed and I was able lead him to the Lord! Praise God! There's no greater joy than seeing a lost sheep come to Christ. Please pray for Isaiah in his new relationship with the Lord.

We flew back to Texas where we were privileged to be with Trinity Baptist Church and Pastor Scott Kirkland in Big Spring and finished the month in Emporia, KS with Bethel Baptist Church and Pastor Joe Tuttle for their Sunday services. We wish we could tell you in detail what a blessing they were to us – the amazing food, the activities, and the fellowship. Their hearts for getting the Gospel around the world was inspiring and humbling.

To celebrate Resurrection Sunday, we were especially thankful the Lord allowed us to be with our church family in Abilene where I was able to preach the morning and evening services. We have not been back for a Sunday morning service since last Easter, so what a glad reunion it was and the perfect recharge we needed!

We are thankful for another blessed and busy month. In all, three more churches took us on for monthly support, bringing us that much closer to Croatia! We are continually blown away by the generosity of God's people. We cannot do what we do without your support – financially and prayerfully!

For Christ,

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