

Dear Co-laborers in Christ,

Thank you for your partnership in our ministries through the decades. We have now completed 55 years of ministry, serving in church planting for 42 years, and now beginning our 14<sup>th</sup> year of teaching here at Frontier School of the Bible. In our 14 years here in LaGrange, I (Ron) have had the privilege of teaching, training, and mobilizing over 300 men for various types of ministry, and you have walked with us each step of the way through prayer, financial support, and encouragement! Thank you so much!

## **RECOVERY**

In our last letter I had shared that Wanda and I had some health setbacks. Wanda had Covid at the end of January, and I had gallbladder problems and surgery from February-May. Thanks for praying! We are both doing much better now. I lost a total of 42 pounds since the first of February, and am regaining strength each week.

## **WONDERFUL SECOND SEMESTER**

I loved my classes (Church Planting and Homiletics III), and only missed one week of teaching in spite of health setbacks. We also hosted our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Church Planting and Revitalization Conference in March. There were 7 Agencies that participated and the students were greatly challenged concerning the options of serving God in and through the local church. By the way, did you know that our student body is involved each week in Christian Service Assignments in nearly 30 churches within 100 miles of the Frontier campus?!

For her part, Wanda served faithfully as hostess of a bi-weekly prayer group of 6 (female) students, as well as weekly mentoring with some of them. She also helps each week in the TBM business office, in addition to helping with hospitality both at TBM and at our local church, LaGrange Bible.

The semester ended with a surprise Banquet hosted by the Frontier students for all of the Frontier Faculty and Staff. This had never been done before! They fed us royally, and provided us with many notes of thanks. Finally, they sang to us!

## **SUMMER AND FALL SCHEDULE**

We will limit our travels this summer, but will still be able to enjoy some visits with family and friends.

We will prioritize recovering of stamina and preparation for fall classes and ministries. I (Ron) will fill pulpit for some of the rural churches in the area, as well as teaching a 4 week Adult Sunday School class entitled "CAVEMEN, (learning the lessons in the place we never wanted to be)". It is a study of David and Elijah.

This fall I will teach 'Biblical Analysis of Cults and World Religions', and assist in teaching a Missions class, Pastoral Theology, and Homiletics. We will also help host our fall Missions Conference, where 10-12 International Mission Agencies will participate. Our theme for the Conference is "Raise your Sites!" (John 4:35) Aim Higher!

Thank you for walking with us through these decades! We can never fully thank you for what you have done, and what you have meant to us. But someday, in heaven, we can show you!

Fellow servants,

*Ron and Wanda Thompson*