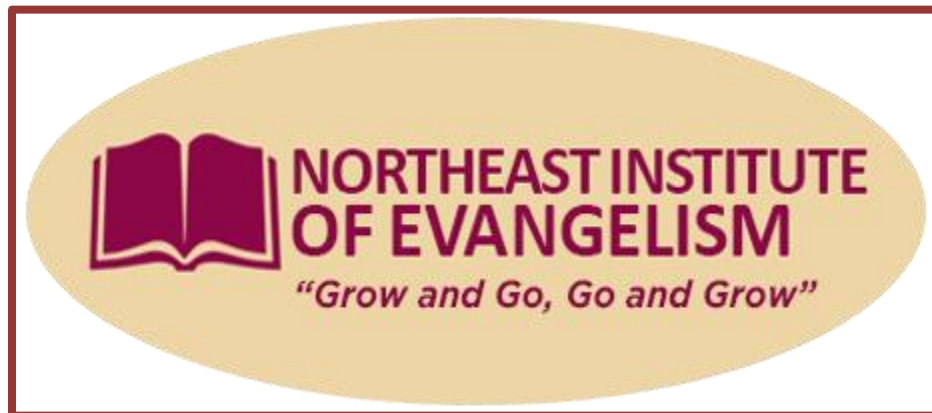


## *Missions in Media Update - July 2017*

Hello Brethren,

As you know it has been quite some time since our last report. I am sorry for the lack of updates, but I have got to find a way to be less expressive. Reports for me have been a time to share every little bit of info, and therefore they can drag on, being cumbersome and long winded, although a bit therapeutic. So I have to adjust, knowing I do not have that kind of time anymore, short bullet points will fill you in on the major happenings...

***First...Thank you, THANK you, and THANK YOU again, FOR YOUR ONGOING PRAYERS AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK!! (Phil. 4:17)***



### **Concerning NEIE:**

- The **Northeast Institute of Evangelism** is now in its **fourth year** of operation with **four formal students**, and **five auditing** this quarter. Intro to Biblical Hermeneutics is the current course.
- **Two students graduated in December of 2015 – Issac Prince and William Anderson.** William is a member at Media, and has become more active in leadership, helping in our worship leading songs, and with outreach. Issac Prince is working with a sister congregation, the Chester Church of Christ in Upland, PA. He is very active evangelizing and helping with pulpit duties once a month. He also teaches Sunday morning classes.
- **Two students graduated in December of 2016 – Amos Bellah and Kenneth Spence.** Amos is a member at Media, and Kenneth is now serving as the pulpit evangelist in Camden, NJ. Amos has been helping to preach from time to time at Media, and is

growing in his ability to serve in other areas. He preached at the Northeast Philadelphia Church of Christ the third Sunday this past month.

- **Mark Eckler, William Anderson, and Amos Bellah** flew with me (**June of 2016**) to work in Shawnee, OK on the annual Back to the Bible Campaign that is run by the Northwest Church of Christ, Lawton, OK. Mark is a formal student, and a new member at Media. Amos was a formal student at NEIE and also a member at Media. The results: twenty-two were immersed and two restored. Brother Joe Curtis (a brother from the Shawnee congregation) reported in June of this year that a man had visited with them who had a brochure placed on his door a year ago, and he finally got around to reading it...he said that he wanted to be baptized! During our Back to the Bible campaigns we leave two brochures on every door, one is about the campaign and the offer to study, another is the actual study. Amen...you just never know (cf. Heb. 12:4; Eph. 6:17).
- **Back to the Bible Campaign in Media & Chester – In (July of 2016)** we worked together with twenty plus members from Waterview (students and a few adults); more than several members from the Chester congregation and Media. Through this effort we invited folks to hear a series of lessons delivered by brother Tyrone Harris on the need for Godly Fathers in the Home. Forty plus contacts were established, most being in Chester. **My son Nicholas was baptized** the week after the campaign was held. Chester had two that obeyed immediately following the campaign, although not directly related to the outreach in the Chester community, the fire that developed during the effort helped two previous studies turn into baptisms. **Eileen Beotherny and Jada Lawrence were baptized into Christ. Eileen is now a formal student at NEIE!** The study with Jada came through Eileen! Eileen is growing in her evangelistic efforts already, and prayerfully will be working on next year's campaign in Oklahoma. Contacts from this work are still being followed up on!
- **June 2017 Campaign in Lawton, OK – My son Nicholas (16 yrs.)** and brother **Fred Brown** traveled with me to Lawton, OK for the Back to the Bible Campaign. This year the Northwest congregation hosted the campaign. **The latest results: forty-three baptisms and four restorations.** The follow-up obviously is tremendous. Please keep NW in your prayers as they work with the new members grounding them in the faith. **Fred came back on fire and decided that he wanted to be more involved at home in Media. He said, "After doing this work I realize how much more I should be doing to help you with Media."** He went on to say that he wanted to do some door-knocking. **We sent out the latest July-August issue of House to House and will be following up going door to door on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. Pray for our efforts. GO Fred...remember the school motto – *Go As You Grow...Grow As You Go!***
- **Northeast Philadelphia interested in utilizing students** – The northeast congregation had recently contacted me about helping with the pulpit there. The brother Hubbard is

having some health issues and could use a hand from time to time. Brother Amos Bellah preached for the first time outside of Media at NE and did a great job, so they said. Issac Prince may be lending a hand soon, depending on his schedule at Chester.

- **NEIE Website soon to be launched** – It has been a long time coming, prayerfully the site will be up with more to complete as time moves on...will send notice to all when it's up.
- **Brother Monte and Sister Cheryl Ginnings** – Sister Ginnings was invited to speak at the annual Lower Bucks Church of Christ Ladies Day in Levittown, PA. I invited brother Monte to come and teach at the school in Media while Cheryl spoke in Levittown. The dynamic duo did an excellent job! Cheryl spoke on "Christian Living" and from what I hear from the ladies, was very encouraging. Monte taught a class on sermon preparation for several of the men—Issac Prince, William Anderson, Amos Bellah, Fred Brown, and I were grateful to hear very practical teaching from one who has spent many years in the pulpit. **Thank you Monte and Cheryl Ginnings!**
- **NEIE and Me – The Northeast Institute of Evangelism and I are now being overseen by the Waterview Church of Christ Eldership. All funds for the DiGiorgio Family are to be forwarded to the Waterview Church of Christ, 1409 N Waterview Dr, Richardson, TX 75080**
- **Pray for the seed to grow - Mark Bettner, Tom Sayee, Doris Downing – three students in the school who are from denominational backgrounds.**
- **Questions: Please contact me directly** if there are any questions regarding our work, or if your support will be changing in the near future - **(610) 306-2946; or Trey Curington - Missions deacon and Waterview contact for Media - (214) 505-2047.**

#### Concerning Media:

- **Eric Barrett (member at Media) and I are working on remodeling various parts of our building.** With partial funding from Waterview we were able to install a brand new kitchen (an old eyesore) in our 1927 building; painted the exterior; re-glazed and painted the windows. Remodeled a hallway adding closet space, expanded an existing bathroom adding tile flooring and refinished the wood flooring in the hallway leading to it. We also remodeled the bathroom in the kid's classroom. We repainted the basement walls for the school also. Everywhere you look there is an update needed for usability. Currently we are working on remodeling a room at the end of our lobby, turning it into a training/nursery room.
- **Numbers** - Attendance continues to vary in the 20's, if all would be in attendance weekly we would be twenty eight in number. With visitors from time to time in the thirties. Please pray for **consistency!**
- **Sad to say goodbye** - The Washington family moved back to their home state of Texas. John and Angeil and their two beautiful daughters were a great addition to our

congregation. From the moment they decided to place membership they became very active in service, helping with various needs. Especially during our campaign last summer. We pray that wherever they place their next membership that they will plug in, just like they did here. We miss them already. May the Lord bless them richly.

- **Utilizing World Bible School** – I've been encouraging the congregation to plug into the [www.worldbibleschool.net/connect](http://www.worldbibleschool.net/connect) so we can have an on-line campaign. World Bible School connects you with folks (in your area) searching on line for bible studies.
- **Brother Earl Buckner** – Please keep this man in your prayers. Earl has been more than a brother...he is like a father to me. He is really struggling with rheumatoid arthritis all throughout his body. He recently moved to Maryland to be with his daughter, and visit with his favorite doctor at Johns Hopkins.
- **Visiting...YEAH!** Waterview is making it possible for our family to travel and visit with some of our supporters this summer. **Thank you Waterview!**
- **Our family** – We are extremely grateful for your continued prayers and support, without them we know we could not make it. We have reached burn-out more than several times while working up here. We cherish ALL the CARDS and PRAYERS! Thank you for thinking about us and taking the time to write a note!  
We love you, in Him (Lam. 3:22-24)

Love you all, and thanks again for everything you do!

Because He Lives,

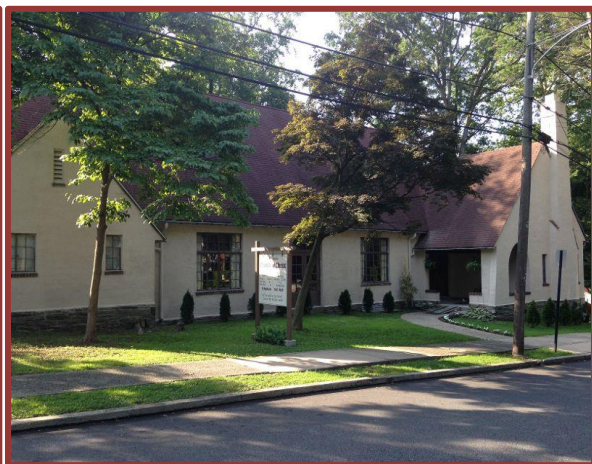
Russell, Cheryl, Jordan and Nick

(1 Cor. 15:58)

PS - OH WELL, I tried...guess I'm not doing too good with these bullet points...LOL! Then again...it could be *much longer!*



L to R: Fred , Amos, Monte, William, Issac



First time the building has been painted!