

# *Missions in Media Update — July 2019*

Hello Brethren,

**THANK YOU FOR THE CONTINUOUS PRAYER AND SUPPORT FOR OUR WORK!! (Phil. 4:17)**

## **NEIE—Sixth Year of Operation:**

- The **Northeast Institute of Evangelism** is now in its **sixth year** of operation with **six formal students**, and **two auditing** this quarter. Presently we're in our **third quarter, second year** of the two year program—**Introduction to Hermeneutics**.
- **New Students:** Pray for **Angela Perna** (Eileen Beoethy's sister); **Monique McWhorter**. Please keep **Tom Sayee** in your prayers, he dropped out of the formal program but still comes to worship at Media. With a newer work schedule he's not able to come to class...pray God will make a way.
- **Students to Graduate:** The 2019 Graduation ceremony will be in December. **Eileen Beoethy; Kim Faircloth; Richard Joploh; Derrick Miller; Francella Teah, and Regina Travis** are on their way to graduating, just a few more classes!
- **Home Mission Workshop:** In late March **Derrick, Regina, Eileen** and I traveled to Wichita Falls, TX for the Home Mission Workshop held at the Faith Village Church of Christ. It was a shot in the arm that all of us needed! A great time to encourage and be encouraged in the way of evangelism and missions with even more brethren attending this year than last. All of the classroom sessions and lessons delivered from the pulpit were excellent. Many expressed their desire to return next year. I personally look forward to making this a yearly trip, not only including students, but prayerfully church members as well. **Let's Go and Grow church**—more folks need to be taught how to do outreach and the yearly Home Mission Workshop is another tool to utilize in training soul winners! Do not miss it, come next year! Stay informed and use the resources available at [www.homemission.org](http://www.homemission.org)
- **Media, Chester/NEIE 2019 Campaign:** The students will be participating in our local outreach effort this year. **The Waterview Church of Christ** youth along with more than several adult brethren will be flying up to help us knock doors and invite folks to study. The Media and the Chester congregations will combine again to work together in this effort. Our theme this year is: "Have You Heard...the Rest of the Story?"
- **Brother Jake Wayne:** As I reported last year Jake was hospitalized twice due to gastrointestinal problems which nearly took his life. Praise God, we're extremely grateful for answered prayers. He is doing much better now and is back to teaching and preaching. He is a member at the Overbrook Park Church of Christ in West Philadelphia and is currently teaching discipleship classes there. He has been serving at Media at least once a month and will be working on the summer campaign. Continue to pray for brother Jake.
- **NEW—NEIE Classes Online:** Brother **Roger Shepherd** (Amridge University) will be teaching our first online class, **the Book of Acts**. We will be using the Zoom classroom format. Brother Derrick Miller, Regina Travis and Eileen Beoethy have expressed interest in taking the course. NEIE will be inviting others to sign up for this online class very soon!

- **Brother Richard Joploh:** Well, we want to train and send...but Media loses on the other end. Brother Richard's dream is to be a full-time missionary in his home country of Liberia. To further his education beyond NEIE he's planning to attend the Florida School of Preaching in Lakeland. He has applied but is in need of funds to attend the two-year program. His goal is to raise the funds through this year to be able to attend in 2020. Please consider who you may know that may want to help Richard, either personally or congregationally? Please let me know at [russneie@icloud.com](mailto:russneie@icloud.com)
- **New/Ongoing studies & outreach:** Please keep **Jim Meehan; Rosanne Meehan; Maryellen; Stephanie Yuannes; Audrey Golder; Bruce Stewart; Brian Lomas** in your prayers.
- **The Prince Family—Sad to See Them Go:** They were attending Media for several months earlier this year, but as the Lord would have it **Brother Issac Prince and family left our area due to a job transfer.** After Issac graduated from NEIE and was growing in his service for the Lord, he decided to train for a Class A CDL. He accomplished that goal and started working for Cambria USA driving flat-bed trailers. His on the job training had him going back and forth between the Philly area and New York City; he eventually ended up working from their location in King of Prussia, PA. Well, lo and behold, after more than several months a potential transfer came up for Tennessee. He visited there and we ended up with a bittersweet goodbye. We know that both he and Kim were anxious to move to another area where they could raise their family in a country setting. They currently attend the Crossplains Church of Christ. They will be moving from Clarksville, TN to the Crossplains area in August. **We miss them, but are grateful for the blessings they've received. Look brother Issac up on Facebook...he's still very active in the Lord's work there!**
- **Brother Derrick Miller working with Spanish brethren in Clayton, NJ:** He's not only been helping to teach them fundamentals in the faith, but helping to organize them. They are currently looking for a separate building where they can worship and grow the congregation in their immediate community. Along with that effort he is also visiting with Media, filling in where he's able. **He invited the Spanish brethren to come to Media in May to hear brother John Orr from Home Mission teach—The Rest of the Story.** One of the Spanish sisters did an excellent job translating for John. We enjoyed fellowship afterward with a pizza dinner. Media is planning to have a **quarterly worship service together** with these wonderful brethren, the first one to take place in September.



- **Brother Amos Bellah:** Will further his studies through an **online program with Amridge University**. They offer an Associate Degree in Bible through a scholarship program. All he'll have to raise is \$650.00 per semester for the fees; they include the books necessary for the classes. Pray for brother Amos, he's excited and grateful to be offered this opportunity to grow in the knowledge of God's word and serve Him to a greater degree.
- **Traveling in August:** I will be traveling in August to visit some of our supporters and to raise more funds for the work. One of the stops we will make is at the **Polishing the Pulpit Lectures**. We'll be setting up a table there to inform more brethren about the school and the plans I'm making for future work in the Lord's kingdom.

**Concerning Media:**

- **Baptized into Christ: Angela Perna; Nathan Aponte (not shown); Lucretia Samuels**  
(Pics below: Angela; Lucretia; Michelle with curly hair—center far right photo)



- **Angela:** Through studies held at Eileen and Angela's home on Friday evenings I was able to reach Angela with the truth. She was attending a Catholic church, yet very active in reading her bible. **Eileen set up the studies** with Angela and Rosanne (their sister). We continue to meet at least once a month to study the word. Rosanne visited Media in the month of May when brother Willie Franklin came to speak. Pray for her obedience. **Angela is now a formal student in the school** and is *going and growing* working to set up studies with other souls! She invited me to a bible study at the Rose Tree Media school bus depot (where she works). Since it was toward the end of the school year and we were both extremely busy, we could not make that pan out. We will prayerfully return to that in September. There is a group there that meets on Friday mornings. Angela, Eileen and I studied recently with Rosanne and her son Jim Meehan. Please keep these precious souls in your prayers.
- **Nathan Aponte:** Visited Media when we had one of our fellowship weekends. Nathan was invited by sister Lauren Defeo. He spoke with me immediately after the service and said that he had questions concerning his salvation. I spent at least two hours after the fellowship meal teaching him the truth, and he obeyed in baptism. I worked to connect him with the 8<sup>th</sup> & Norris congregation, he lives just north of them in NE Philly. As of this writing he's looking to move away from Philly. I text him various materials to study. Please pray for Nathan that he settles into a consistent worship schedule, along with Bible study.

- **Lucretia Samuels:** Sister Michelle Rice was a member at the Collingdale congregation. She started visiting Media here and there about two years ago. She became more frequent over the last year. Her mother Lucretia started visiting in April and liked what she heard from the pulpit. I set up a study immediately following a Sunday worship service and she obeyed the gospel that day, May 12. Michelle started crying, she told me she was shocked her mom obeyed; she had been trying to reach her for years. Notice the smile (far right pic) after Lucretia was baptized; surrounded by Michelle's children. Lucretia is being faithful in attendance and growing weekly. She has faced some serious health issues over the last few years and is very concerned about her relationship with God. **Please pray for Lucretia.**
- **Brother Willie Franklin & Brother Brett Moore:** Came to visit us in May right before John and Suzie Orr visited with us. It was primarily for NEIE students, but all were invited. They came from the Pittsburg area where they were holding gospel meetings throughout the month. It's always a pleasure to be around brother Willie! He inspired the students and visitors to set goals in their walk with the Lord; both he and Brett did a great job. We had a fellowship meal together immediately following the lessons. **Pray for Willie and Brett and their work in the kingdom.** They brought us hope and joy with their teaching and sharing.
- **Brother Tommy Deshields:** Unfortunately for Media brother Tommy Deshields (one of our leaders) will be leaving our congregation to worship in the state of Delaware. Tommy has lived in DE for many years, first in the Wilmington area, not too far from us, but at the beginning of 2018 he moved further south purchasing a home in Bear. His mother moved from Media to be with Tommy's sister in Maryland. Tommy has grown stronger in his walk over the last few years and had become more active in service at Media. He has helped in worship services; served in the kitchen; became a stronger prayer leader; served as our treasurer. After purchasing the new home and working a second job its become more difficult to attend Media. **He most likely will be worshipping with the Greenbank Church of Christ in Wilmington, and or NE Wilmington. We will miss him!**
- **Potential Combining of Chester & Media:** We decided to have a combined worship service with the Chester congregation and it finally came to fruition on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was very encouraging to say the least. I taught the morning class and brother William Drew did the preaching. I spent some time with brother Drew and brother David Prince (Issac's father) discussing the possible combining of our congregations. They were positive about the potential; of course they want to have more meetings to discuss the details. Please pray that this comes to fruition. It only makes sense; they have been renting a space for more than several years in Upland. We can combine and strengthen Media and then continue to reach out to Upland & Chester to help build again. **(See pic below, Chester and Media).**
- **Our Son Nicholas Graduated High School!** Extremely grateful that Nick DID IT!! Through God's assistance of course...and my dear wife! Nick was and still is thrilled he actually accomplished that goal. We're now entering another education phase. He wants to work for a new Chick-Fil-A that is opening in Brookhaven fairly soon. He's thinking about following his passion, drawing and animation. He's considering an online school. **Please pray for Nick.**
- **My right shoulder:** As I write I've been experiencing pain in my right shoulder for a few weeks, I have seen my doctor, they took x-rays which show some arthritis in the joint, but I'm thinking it may be something more? Analgesic creams, ibuprofen and ice everyday...ugh! **Please keep in your prayers, will be seeing an orthopedic Dr. on Monday, the 8<sup>th</sup>.**

- **Numbers** - Attendance varies between 30 to lower 20's. With visitors from time to time in the thirties. Please pray for **consistency with members!**
- **My work with NEIE and Media as an evangelist is 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**
- **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 the Waterview contact for Media - (214) 505-2047.**
- **Our family – We are extremely grateful for your continued prayers and support, without them we know we could not move forward in this work. We treasure ALL the CARDS and PRAYERS (Waterview LOA Groups)! Thank you for thinking about us and taking the time to write a note!**

**We love you, and we thank you again for all that you do!  
Because He Lives,  
Russell, Cheryl, Jordan and Nick (1 Cor. 15:58; 2 Tim. 2:2)**



**Combined worship with Chester Church of Christ on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**Please note: After the campaign I will be sending out a New Plan for Future Work. It will include all current contributors to our work and will give a detailed plan for the next several years. Our prayer is that our main contributors will be able to continue in our efforts for the Lord's vineyard in the northeast. The forces of evil in America are growing and the church needs more soul winners, not less...please continue to help me plant workers for the Lord's kingdom. Your brother, and servant for His cause—Love in Him, Russell**