

# Missions in Media Update — March 2018

Hello Brethren,

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

## NEIE—Fifth Year of Operation:

- The **Northeast Institute of Evangelism** is now in its **fifth year** of operation with **seven formal students**, and **two auditing** this quarter. This is the third time we will enter into the two year program. Our first quarter class is **Intro to Bible Study**.
- **Good News, Bad News:** First the bad...two formal students who were planning to graduate in December of 2017 did not. They stepped down from being formal to auditing a few classes in their second year. It would have been nice to see them graduate, but obviously the school has to uphold the requirements necessary. Although unfortunate, it's sort of good news, it tells us that the school *is challenging*. I've stated many times that we wanted a school that goes beyond the abc's of knowing Acts 2:38—to produce more than adequate seed sowers for the kingdom. It seems to be paying off...we are seeing gospel fruit, but it's still too early to tell how much of an impact the school will have up here until some more time has passed.
- **Current Formal Students:** **Derrick Miller** and **Regina Travis** are members at the Clayton Church of Christ in south Jersey; **Francella Teah** is a member at the Collingdale Church of Christ in Philly; **Eileen Beoethy**, **Kim Faircloth** and **Richard Joploh** are members at Media; **Tom Sayee** is a visitor at Media (Pentecostal background).
- **Current Students Auditing:** **Earl Bucker Sr.** (Media); **Doris Downing** (Upper Darby).

## More Good News:

- **Issac Prince** is growing up in his work for the Lord! He continues to teach classes and preaches at least once a month at Chester. Recently he baptized **Marvin Dukes** and **Shone Naylor** into Christ. He will be preaching at the Lower Bucks Church of Christ the second Sunday in April. Issac has started training for a new job, a company out of King of Prussia, PA. Please keep him and his family in your prayers!

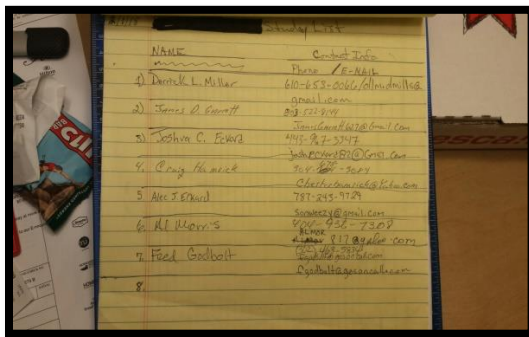


- **Derrick Miller** entered NEIE the middle of last year. He teaches Bible classes and preaches from time to time at the Clayton Church of Christ in Clayton, New Jersey. He has shared with

me more than several times how much he loves the school and how we've helped in his study of the Word. His profession (environmental engineering) had him traveling to Puerto Rico recently with several co-workers from Jersey and Delaware. Consider these text messages—one while he was there, and another when he returned:

**"Hey brother Russell, I hope all is well back in the mainland. I truly miss everyone, but I miss sleep just a little bit more. There's not a lot of time for studying, but I'm doing my best. Also, I'm working hard to set up some studies for when I get back. I have four more names to add to the list. Correction, make it five more names. I just spoke with another co-worker about the school and the good works that you all are doing. Please, encourage the class with this news so they will know their hard work in diligent study can make a difference for God's kingdom. Please continue to stay strong my brother. Love, brother Derrick"**

**"Thank God for you my brother...your support for the gospel has helped to lead another soul to Christ. Lord willing, I will see you tomorrow. (Phil. 3:17)"**



**Derrick's list of contacts for studies**



**Baptism at Clayton**

- **Amos Bellah** has been asked to preach again at the Northeast Philadelphia Church of Christ. Brother Hubbard called and asked me for his number again, he wanted him to speak in March so brethren who were not present the first time could hear him. Please pray for brother Amos...there is potential for him to do more for the Lord's vineyard in northeast Philadelphia. Only the Lord knows when or how that might develop? Keep **Brother Hubbard in your prayers too**, he's been struggling with some health issues.
- **Speaking in Levittown:** The Levittown (Lower Bucks County Church of Christ) men have asked me to preach when able. I've spoken several times since January. They have been seeking a full-time minister to help build the work. Three men (one being my brother-in-law) have shared the pulpit duties and are quite worn out; it's been *many years* since they've had a fulltime worker serving at Lower Bucks. Please pray that the Lord will send a young, energetic evangelist to Lower Bucks, PA...it's an open mission field!
- **Yearly Campaign Around the Corner:** Right now it looks like at least six students will be traveling with me to Oklahoma for the "Back to the Bible" Campaign held the first week of June. The work which is led by the Northwest Church of Christ in Lawton has been a practical arm for the school in helping students develop. Several benefits come from traveling south to work in another state reaching the lost. 1. Students experience working with a **larger group** all focused on the same thing—soul winning—it gives them a tremendous **shot in the arm** that spills over when they get home. 2. Students experience working with a **very organized campaign** seeing first-hand how the multiplied workers

harmonize. 3. Students experience working with **exceptional door knockers**. 4. Students learn just how effective the **Safety Chain method** is with a **knowledgeable teacher**. 5. The over-all experience **motivates and inspires students**, building up their evangelism tool box.

- **Home Mission Workshop:** Issac Prince and I will be attending the Home Mission Workshop “**Revive Us Again**” April 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> at Faith Village Church of Christ in Wichita Falls, TX. John Orr and his wonderful wife Suzie have been working extremely hard to have a successful event. Please keep this work in your prayers and tell others about [www.homemission.org](http://www.homemission.org) – they have a variety of resources to help with evangelism. **Share with the brethren!**
- **Grateful for Travel Funds:** Thanks to Waterview Cheryl, Nick and I were able to take a summer trip (August of last year) down to Kentucky and Tennessee to visit with a few of our supporting congregations. We visited with Lehman Ave. in Bowling Green; Rivergate in Madison, and then with West End in Knoxville. **It was special getting to visit and share with our faithful supporters the fruits that have born from their cooperative giving (Phil. 4:17)! To see those who have prayed and contributed personally to our work for years was very gratifying. Thanks to ALL our faithful supporters, and again to Waterview for giving us the funds needed!**
- **Visited with Gold Hill Road:** In November we were able to share the same update with the Gold Hill Road members in Fort Mill, SC. They hosted a mission event in October that we were not able to make, so fortunately we were able, to not only inform, but also to visit with my sister Leila and brother-in-law Tommie for Thanksgiving! **Thanks again brethren!**
- **Jake Wayne:** Please keep Brother Jake Wayne in your prayers. He has been hospitalized twice during the last few months for gastro-intestinal problems. Jake helps with the school and is the preacher for the Cambridge Church of Christ in Cambridge, MD.

#### **Concerning Media:**

- **Nicholas Beoethy (pronounced be-o-thy):** Nicholas was baptized into Christ on December 14<sup>th</sup> 2017. An added benefit of NEIE is the contacts that come from students. Nick’s mother Eileen is a student in the school, she was taught by Issac and his father David. She brought up Nick’s name more than several times in class and we started praying for him. She shared with me some of the problems he was dealing with at home; so I asked for his home number that I might speak with him personally. I was able to set up studies with him at his home and then at the building, with Mark Eckler joining in to help. After a couple of months Nick decided to put Christ on in baptism. Nicholas serves in the armed forces as an automotive mechanic. He’s growing spiritually and is faithful in his attendance! He needs lots of prayer in dealing with a past relationship. Please remember him and his beautiful daughter Evey.
- **My Son Nickolas:** Nick just turned seventeen on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He is now in 11<sup>th</sup> grade and is attending the Vo-Tech school in our area studying graphic design. Lately Fred Brown (one of our members) was encouraging Nick to get more involved with our work at Media. He asked Nick what he thought, what he might be able to help with, and Nick immediately said he could help lead songs in worship. Well, knock me out! If I would have asked, he might have bitten my head off! LOL! I am grateful Fred put the bug in his ear. Nick kept telling me throughout the week he was going to lead and would be practicing. Friday came around and I asked if he wanted to play some bowling on the wii, he said, “no dad, I have to practice my singing.” Sunday morning comes and he was prepared with three songs...Victory in Jesus;

Amazing Grace and We Are One. Well, he led and with power! Our members were shocked that he did so well! To God be the glory! It brought tears to our eyes. Pray for Nick's continued growth...he struggles with the public school kids at times. One more year!

- **Fellowship Activities:** Brother Fred Brown set up several events...A Saturday Afternoon Women's Fellowship; Bowling Night; and Sunday Movie Event after our monthly fellowship meal. The events have been extremely encouraging. What is even more encouraging is another brother stepping up to help in area's I cannot. Someone to take the reins and do without my immediate involvement...amen! His wife Brandy stepped up with the women's fellowship and our clothing closet. Pray for Fred Brown and his wife Brandy, they are a great addition to Media's work.
- **Home Mission to Visit:** John & Suzie will be coming to visit and help strengthen our work with some more faith building lessons May 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are grateful for this dynamic duo and the fantastic work they are doing among our brethren. Media was so encouraged last year and look forward to seeing them again, and again. Please pray for their efforts!
- **Brother Earl Buckner Jr. passed:** Earl Jr. was baptized the second year of my work here at Media. He was diagnosed with brain cancer several years ago. When I found out he had the dreaded disease I immediately encouraged him to work on his familial relations. For years there was much tension between his dad and sisters. My prayers for him and his family were answered. Earl Sr. spent many hours next to his son while he struggled and his sisters would visit from time to time. We held the funeral service at Media and many folks came to support and encourage the family in their loss. **Please keep Earl Buckner Sr. and his family in your prayers.**
- **Continued Work on the Building:** After last summer's work we had to take a break in August when my family and I traveled south. We have been working piece meal on the training room and we're almost finished. Next will be completing the office space.
- **Numbers** - Attendance continues to vary in the 20's, if all would be in attendance weekly we would be twenty-nine in number. With visitors from time to time in the thirties. Please pray for **consistency with members!**
- **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 - Tom Sayee, Doris Downing, Brian Lomas, Audrey Golder.**
- **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 thanks again for all that you do!  
Because He Lives,  
Russell, Cheryl, Jordan and Nick (1 Cor. 15:58)**