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Pastor & Mrs. Paul Rooks

Dear Friends in Christ,

Please pardon the lateness of this letter, but the end of September and the first of October found us on the road. We decided to celebrate my birthday this year at the Grand Canyon because it is only a five hour trip from where we minister. My birthday this year

fell on a Wednesday, September 27th. So we came home on Thursday and quickly repacked our luggage and were off to Big Spring, TX to celebrate our next to the youngest granddaughter's fifteenth birthday. Then it was off to Fort Worth, TX for our oldest daughter's (Jill's) wedding. Just home late last night and then there are services at the mission tomorrow. So you see it never slows down for missionaries. We are always going somewhere to meet somebody.

We're thankful that our pastor, Paul Rooks and his dear wife, Shelley, were able to come for our annual fall revival at the mission. We took three days during Labor Day weekend (September 1-3) to meet with the Lord in a special way. The services were well attended and it was refreshing to experience some extra time in God's Word with God's people. I believe that it was a great encouragement to all who attended. Pastor Rooks did an outstanding job expounding on the Word.

One of the hardest parts of being a missionary is learning to wait upon the Lord. Yet, God's Word says "Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD" (Ps. 27:14). We currently have several unsaved people attending the services and we are waiting on the Lord to convict and convince them of their sin. Two of the ladies are Roman Catholic and one has been very expressive about not leaving "her" church. We are pleased that she continues to come and to listen to the Word. We believe that the Word is doing its work in her heart and we continue to pray for her soul. However, we must depend so much on the moving of the Holy Spirit. Please pray that God might open the eyes of the lost, and also convict the saints of their slackness in witnessing and bringing their own families. We know that the church cannot be built unless the Lord builds it.

We are so very thankful to all of you who support our ministry in both prayers and finances. It is our prayer that God will never let us get over what you do to help us win these Natives of Western New Mexico. God bless and keep you all.

Sincerely,

Bradley Hastings

Received with thanksgiving for the work from July to September. \$\_

