

THE STAGNER FAMILY

September-October 2018 - Prayer/Update Letter

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. II Chronicles 16:9



Dear Fellow Labourers in Christ,

For thirty-six years Asa serves as king of Judah with complete peace from the Lord. His kingdom was profitable and his people were in pleasant times, the Lord richly and wonderfully blessed his hand. And yet, in this thirty-sixth year, he went and did something so out of character, so out of touch even, he made a league with Benhadad, the pagan king of Syria. This is why for the rest of his rule, the Lord would allow Asa to have wars for the duration of his kingship. The league Asa entered into, revealed he did not trust the Lord to provide and protect him from Baash, king of Israel as He had done for well over three decades. So many of us in the ministries across the globe are susceptible to this temptation. We are surrounded by men who have long forsaken the Book as their sole authority for faith and practice and have rather given way to critical thinking so great they are using phrases such as “a better word would be” or “what it really means is...”. Many have made a league with the liberal spiritual movement while others in an attempt to combat such issues swing the pendulum excessively in the opposite direction becoming legalistic in their stance. Might we not forget the first part of II Chronicles 16.9, **“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him...”**. Despite any ministerial struggles, we are comforted to know, the eyes of the Lord run to and fro... they run to and fro through our villages, towns, cities and countries, He knows what we need and He knows where to find the resources and people to see such needs come to fruition. Our duty is to keep plowing forward and continue to plug away, sharing the gospel, witnessing to lost souls, edifying the Saints of God and leave the physical growth to the Lord, whose eyes are running to and fro...showing Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward Him!

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The past months have been incredibly blessed, with some outstanding worship services, Bible studies and prayer meetings. We were given the honour to baptise three souls who united with the church and I had the privilege to lead their son to the Lord one Sunday night in October, who was baptised alongside his family. What a great blessing. We are looking forward to the final two months of the year, which is usually a massively busy time, between both churches this year we are conducting three candlelight services open to the public. Please pray with us the Lord will draw many to this meeting where the presentation of the plain gospel will be given in hopes that the Holy Spirit will lay hold of their hearts with conviction to be born again. Saron South is doing well with the congregation growing closer together each week. The Lord has continued to bless in many ways and we trust more growth will be seen in the future.

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the Saron family of churches, and the possibility of a third location. We are holding a Christmas special gospel singing and preaching meeting in a village between both churches. We are doing so in order to ‘test the waters’ per se in hopes to plant a work there in the new year. The church building we are looking at is currently being used for funerals, the owner, who is an undertaker is very keen on us using it to establish the a local church in the village. We also ask you to pray for our visa renewal/ extension as we will begin the process in November.

As always, thank you for your sacrificial gift enabling us to work in the Lord’s calling upon our lives. We are eternally indebted to you for your sacrifice and partnership with us on the mission field. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

Till the Shout,


B.J. Stagner and Family



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