

To: Madrid church of Christ
Re: August Report
From: Wesley Key
Website: Findinghopeintheword.wordpress.com

Peace and greetings to you. As always, I want to thank you for all that you have done for me and my family. Your support has meant so much to me. You are without a doubt my second family here in Iowa. You have made me feel just as welcome among you as I do here in Grinnell. I cannot begin to thank you enough for everything. I pray that our relationship, although slightly changed, may continue to grow as I continue to labor here in Iowa.

As always, let me begin by giving you an update on what is going on in my home this last month. This past month was bombarded by 4-H again. Because Autumn and Josiah both qualified for state, we went down to the state fair in Des Moines. Autumn was also showing vegetables this year at the state fair and that required us to make two trips down there this year. She did rather well earning the best 1st year exhibitor reward. We also had a nice surprise as friends from California came for a visit. This family is very dear to us as they have supported us in a variety of ways through the years. And perhaps the biggest gift they ever gave me was my wife. They are the family that brought Dawn to the Lord. For that, I will always be indebted to them. As always, we ask that you do keep Dawn's mother in your prayers. We did get to talk to her doctors this month and learned more about her failing kidneys (this is not associated with her PSP, but it is a secondary health issue she is facing). She will eventually be on dialysis. The doctors want to set her up with at home dialysis when that time comes. They are keeping a close watch on it as she is already in Stage 4 kidney failure.

I am still meeting with Gary Glandon. His wife did receive her communication computer this past month. While Gary is excited to be able to use it so that Jay, his wife, can talk to him again, hope looks bleak. There are times when I can clearly tell she seeks to communicate, but as she "used" the tablet last time I was there, it was random things that she picked. There was no cognitive, understandable communication made. We have discussed a wide variety of subjects in our time together and he has a good foundation for his faith. As my friendship with him grows I am hopeful his faith grows as well. Right now, he is very bitter against "churches" in general due to some failures seen in his previous "church." I hope that in time, I can help him to trust God's people to be there for him and his wife.

The most exciting part of this month has been the number of visitors that we have had eleven. Four of them are people new to our area and looking for a church to identify with. One couple seemed against the idea of working with us. (They refused to leave contact information when we requested). The other is only here for a short period of time, but seemed open to more studies. One family is visiting in the area and will be leaving in about a week, but is nice to have them while they are around and the other family is from Grinnell and has attended now the last two weeks. Please pray for us as we reach out to these families.

Brotherly,

Wes Key