



REPORT: ALAN & SYLVIA FOX

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Dear brethren,

This is the last month of our trip in the US and the anticipation of being home again is growing stronger every day. We have had pleasant visits with the churches and the saints and their hospitality has been nothing short of excellent. Sylvia and I have always had very comfortable stays with the Christians where we visited and this time has not been any different.

We thank God for His faithful children, who do things according to His instructions, encouraging us in the most holy faith of which the Author is Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Preaching appointments

PLANT CITY CHURCH OF CHRIST

FLORIDA

This would be the first stay with our good friends and fellow-labourers in the vineyard of the Lord, Johnnie and Julia Creamer. Brother and sister Creamer are members of the Valrico congregation but they know and are known by so many faithful congregations around their area that they could very easily arrange for us to visit with the Lord's body at Plant City. Though the elders could not afford me the opportunity of preaching there because of the short notice, I was privileged to meet with them after services and could give them some insight into the work of spreading the Gospel in Johannesburg. They were very understanding and said they would consider the possibility of sharing in my financial support of this work. We continued to stay with brother and sister Creamer and had a most enjoyable and relaxing visit with them. They also made sure that we made it for my preaching appointment at Valrico congregation in the evening of Sunday November 1st.

VALRICO CHURCH OF CHRIST

FLORIDA

We have some very dear friends at the congregation at Valrico and our planned trip certainly would have to include the pleasure of seeing all of them again. Most of them came from South Africa to the US and we had such a good time visiting with all the ex-South Africans in the home of Paddy and Kylie Feratta. The congregation at Valrico has been supporting us from the first trip we made to the US to date and we are so indebted for their continued support through the difficult economic times which has been affecting all of us.

BROOKSVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FLORIDA

On Wednesday afternoon Sylvia and I travelled to Brooksville to the home of Chris and Shannon Banbury. It is almost inconceivable that we would be staying with anyone else other than the Banbury's when we get to Brooksville. Chris and Shannon go out of their way to ensure that we have the most comfortable stay when we in Brooksville and the rest of the members treat us like royalty when we are with them. We attended the midweek service of the Brooksville congregation on November 4th. On Sunday morning I started with a Gospel meeting which lasted until Wednesday November 11th. It was well attended by the members and other invited guests from the area and the brethren were kind with their comments about the presentation of the lessons.

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TAYLORS CHURCH OF CHRIST**SOUTH CAROLINA**

Sylvia and I arrived at the home of one of the elders of the congregation brother Ronny and sister Gayle Hinds where we had a lovely visit after which brother Ronny took us to meet with the family with whom we would be staying for the duration of the Gospel meeting I was to preach at the Taylors congregation. Keith and Jennifer Lyons and their three children would be our hosts for the next couple of days and they were excellent hosts indeed. They made us feel like we were part of their family and their second eldest daughter Delaney even arranged for me to address her classmates and the rest of the third graders at their school! The Gospel meeting at the Taylors congregation went well and was well attended by the brethren. It was good to see the other elder and his wife brother and sister Matthews and spend some time with their preacher Luther Pratt and his wife Tanya.

WARNE CHURCH OF CHRIST**NORTH CAROLINA**

Sakkie and Laverne Pretorius are also ex-South Africans living and preaching in the mountains of North Carolina. We have known Sakkie and Laverne for a number of years and spending some time with them in their home in Warne was an absolutely fantastic time for us. Since they do not have Afrikaans speaking people living close to them and we had also only been speaking English for the most part of our trip, we grabbed the opportunity to converse in Afrikaans as much as we possibly could while we were with them. We met some very pleasant Christians in Warne and had a good visit with the disciples of Jesus Christ in that area. I was invited to preach on Sunday November 22nd and give a presentation of the work on Wednesday November 25th. We left Warne to pick up our daughter Iona and son-in-law Kgosi and their two children as well as our youngest son PJ from the airport, over-nighted at Adam Kendall-Ball's home in Georgia, visited with a few friends (Bill and Susan Moore and family) and the next day left for North Carolina

WALNUT ST. CHURCH OF CHRIST**CARY – NORTH CAROLINA**

We returned to the home of Hendrik and Suzette Joubert in Mebane North Carolina and on the Sunday morning November 29th had an opportunity to preach at the Walnut Street congregation in Cary. The Sunday evening I preached at the Mebane congregation and the following day we left for New York, where we spend two days sightseeing and had to return to North Carolina the following day

We departed for South Africa on December 10th and arrived home on the following day. It was a good flight and we were glad to have made it home safely for which we thank our Merciful Father in Heaven.

Greetings to the local church of God of which you are a part

Your servants in Christ

Alan & Sylvia Fox