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Greetings from the Quad Cities. As usual, there is much going on, and we have been busy with grandkids and with much ministry. The weather is not very good in the winter for outdoor meetings, so many of our outreaches were indoors. In addition to joining with our church, we have begun to partner with other churches and ministries here in the area also. Connie has been doing many Gospel Sketchboard presentations at different Awana programs and even at a local ministry doing Gospel outreaches to public elementary schools. I(Steve) have been doing the regular indoor meetings at Senior Centers, Men's Shelters, and even an occasional meeting at the Salvation Army.

Connie preaching the Gospel at an Awana Program

I have been getting outside when the weather is not so cold, and because the winter weather has been pretty good this year, we have had the opportunity for quite a few outreaches. God has been gracious, and we have established some great "fishing holes" at a couple of local colleges and high schools.

There is a Mission Wall map up at our church (First Baptist Church Bettendorf, Iowa). This shows all the venues that God has allowed for us as, a local church, to reach lost of the Quad Cities who need salvation that can only be found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We have been trying to do some follow up with people we have talked to on the streets. I regularly go to a coffee shop close to Augustana College and meet students to further talk about the Gospel and other concerns they may have.

We have also started up a community Bible Study and outreach at a local coffee shop. The attendance was very good and we were regularly having 10-15 people there from different churches and a few professing atheists.

It has also been a very difficult year so far with my health. I had a wisdom tooth get infected and damage my sinuses and also my inner ear. Because of this, I have been very sick for months and recovery is slow. We thank everyone for praying, God is good! Many have joined with us to lead and help with future outreach opportunities. It is exciting to see what God is doing, and it seems there will be many upcoming events and opportunities for Gospel meetings this year. Our church is also planning a mission trip to Brazil to partner with Southern Baptist missionaries on a floating house on the Amazon. We are the Evangelism/Mission committee leaders and there is much prayer and preparation is going into it.

May God bless you,
"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." (2 Corinthians 5:20)

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