

The Browns

Church Planters to Colorado



Life in Quarantine



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Sending Church

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Average attendance:
Sunday Morning 5

The above headline might have been something from our imagination just a few short weeks ago, but now it is a sad reality. Many of you reading this may be introverts and you are loving the alone time and social distancing. I AM NOT! By the very nature of my calling, I am an extrovert. I am a people person! I love being around people and getting to know them, all with the hopes of sharing the Good news with them. I am having a very hard time adjusting to not being around people, but I do realize God does have a plan! I know I am not alone in my struggles and it is encouraging to see so many preachers and churches embracing technology to still get the good news into the hearts and minds of people!

I have had many challenges with ministering through technology, but I have also seen results I would like to share with you.

Challenges:

We live in a rural community where the big name/reliable internet providers are not allowed. The previous mayor of our city owned a telecommunications company and somehow managed to get a law passed where his company is the sole provider for internet service in the city. Internet service has always been unreliable, but now with schools shut down and kids doing all schoolwork online, it is terrible at best. Facebook live or streaming is next to impossible, so I have focused my attention on trying to reach and communicate to the people I have built contacts with through sending them personal messages and podcasts of sermons. Instead of trying to reach the masses, I have been forced to make it more personal! I have a group of about 10-12 people I call or chat with on a daily or weekly basis, and it is going great! People are hurting and struggling now and have so many questions! They are now wanting to discuss spiritual matters!

Results:

As I mentioned in previous newsletters, my son's friend Zalix' mother is in jail, and he has been living with us almost exclusively the last 2 months. She calls every Sunday afternoon to check on Zalix and see what he learned at church. She and my wife communicate regularly, and she has made my wife promise that we will talk to him about Jesus and see him saved! So far, he has not made a profession, but he is very attentive and asks a lot of questions.

I had a high school friend reach out to me several months ago. The last time I saw him was in 1991 when we ran across each other at the rifle range at Camp Pendleton while we were both serving in the Marine Corps. We have been communicating regularly the past few months and he told me how his life was a complete mess....He was dishonorably discharged for drug and alcohol abuse, and has been living with several major health issues the last few years. He has been very depressed and ashamed of himself. I have been sending him my podcasts for a few weeks now and after I sent him this past Sunday's Easter message, he texted me and said the message really spoke to him, and he had never heard of Jesus death, burial and resurrection explained the way I explained it.. He said he knows Jesus did die and come back to life to save him but wondered if Jesus could forgive everything he has done. Please pray for me as I will be talking to him early this week.

We have had several families express to us how much they appreciated us sending them encouraging texts and audio sermons. Some have even said that when this is all over, they want to come to one of our services!

How can you help?

- Please pray that the upcoming football season is not cancelled. I know when we are able to meet again a lot of the kids will have very deep serious questions!
- We are still in need of churches to partner with us financially for our salary fund.

Pathway Baptist Church

Receipts for Support

Faith MBC - Homer, LA	\$74.97
Flatwoods MBC Mission Fund - Mountain	\$125.00
Florence Street Baptist Church - Broken Arrow,	\$125.00
Liberty MBC - Shreveport, LA	\$50.00
White Oak BC Mission Fund - Nancy, KY	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$524.97

Receipts for Salary

Eastside MBC - Minden, LA	\$768.00
Secretary of Missions - Texarkana, AR	\$3,073.00
TOTAL	\$3,841.00
TOTAL FOR THE MONTH	\$4,365.97

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary Account

Jack Brown - Salary	\$3,841.00
TOTAL	\$3,841.00

Support Account

Jack Brown - Insurance	\$200.00
TOTAL	\$200.00

TOTAL DISBURSED \$4,041.00

Cash On Hand

	Account	Total
Support		\$6,797.26
Salary		\$3,841.00
Total		\$10,638.26