



Ingalls Update

Cadence missionaries to our Soldiers at Fort Riley, Kansas

I've been corresponding with many of you individually, and realized I haven't sent out a group update in quite some time. The Lord is most faithful in blessing this humble ministry here in the heartland of America. All around us the farmers have just finished harvesting their winter wheat, and it has caused me to think of Jesus' parable of the seeds of God's Word sown in the hearts of people.

Our Friday and Sunday evening Bible study groups continue to mature and grow in all regards. Last Friday we had over 40 adults, not counting children. Our oversized basement common room was able to accommodate us quite nicely, though. We've just finished up a well received study series on "What is Heaven Like?" And next week we will start a series on "What is Hell All About?" Many good conversations have been enjoyed as people seek to internalize these major themes.

But in between these two studies, this Friday we will look at the topic of Baptism, study it together, and then have a baptism service in our backyard. I'm filling up the children's pool as I type. One young boy named Zach wants to be baptized, so we will help him make that happen. Typically what happens is this will spur others to want to also obey Christ in this public profession of faith, so we will probably be doing more in the near future. God said, "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord..."

Your continued prayers for the couples we are trying to help in their marriages is making a difference. Thank you! No one has separated (which we thought was inevitable in certain instances without major heart changes), and all seem to be making progress toward healthier, more loving and biblical marriages. I have also been hitting this marriage theme pretty hard in various other teaching venues, not checking the punches and watching God's Word do its

mysterious and powerful work of changing hearts and lives. Keep praying!

Linda's quiet ministry to the women continues to be well received. She is presently hosting two groups of wives during the week who desire to grow in their walk with Christ and to learn how to better love their husbands and families. When they gather, they read a couple chapters of Scripture (they are presently in Ephesians), and then they pray the spiritual principles they learn for themselves, for their husbands, and for their children. The Word and prayer - a formula that has born fruit for several millennia. Why mess with the recipe?

Please pray for the Hopkins family as they seek to shepherd the hearts of their two teenaged daughters who seem to be moving away from the Lord. Pray for the Roberts family as Jerry just left the Army to go to seminary to prepare to become a chaplain. Pray for the salvation of the Gonzales family. And please pray for our son, Daniel, who has just begun a courtship with a friend, Laurel.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayers! The Gospel and God's word will not return empty, but will always accomplish that which God intends. Walking by faith . . .

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