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Missionaries Helping Struggling Independent Baptist Churches

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"Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die" (Revelation 3:2)

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Dear Friends & Faithful Supporters,

Redeeming The Time!

"Time management is not about clock-watching, it's about making the most of the time we have." And, that is what we are endeavoring to do. What do the following verses have in common? Galatians 4:4; Romans 5:6; Matthew 25:13; James 4:14; Ephesians 5:16. The answer - TIME!

At the right time *"God sent forth his Son;"* at the right time *"Christ died for the ungodly;"* we don't know *"the day nor the hour"* when Jesus will come; our time on earth *"appears for a little time."* So, because of the evil days in which we live, let us *"redeem the time!"* I am sure each of you would agree with me that time is fleeting. Let us manage it wisely!

This past Sunday (Oct. 28th) Brother Howard Goldsmith celebrated his first anniversary as pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Hastings, NE! The church is healthy, growing and pressing on for the Lord! We are thankful the Lord allowed us to have a small part in reviving this church and thank you for partnering with us! To God be all the glory!

In our previous ministry report I mentioned a church in Buena Vista, CO, needing help. However, by the time I was able to make contact with them the church had called a pastor. In September the new pastor invited us to present our ministry of helping struggling churches. We had a great day with them and appreciated the opportunity to preach.

At the end of September I was asked to preach for a church in Trinidad, CO, without a pastor but they have a building. In this same town there is another independent Baptist church that has a pastor (whom I met and spoke with) but are renting a building. Both churches are small and doctrinally sound. The Lord laid upon my heart to encourage both churches (and the pastor) to prayerfully consider merging. I have stayed in contact with them and praise the Lord the merger is now in progress and the folks of both churches are excited about their future! I am sure there are other small churches in our country that should consider a merger rather than closing!

We have just returned from spending a week with a very small church in Hayden, CO, in the northwest, between Steamboat Springs and Craig. I led the singing, taught Sunday school and preached for all the services during the week. We had a Q&A time this past Sunday afternoon and I shared what our ministry would be should they decide to ask us to help them. I shared some concerns that I had and addressed their questions. We will wait to see what their desire is. We continue to pray and to seek God's will for the next church to help. Please let us know if you are aware of a struggling church needing help.

Thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support of this ministry!

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