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Dear APF Supporters,

Tardy Greetings!

Normally, I try to have the newsletter sent out on the 2nd of every month. This month, I decided to wait until after the open house that was held on November 3. Therefore, the newsletter is about a week late. I hope that everyone is having a good autumn and that you are excited for the coming holidays.

Open House Praises:

We were tremendously blessed by the open house we held at Clinton Christian School on November 3. The number in attendance was 67, and we were hoping for 150. Nonetheless, we found great support in doing the open house and then more support from those who attended. I was pleased with the opportunity to share with donors and friends what it is that we do in this ministry. Many questions were asked and I did my best to answer them. Probably, some left with even more questions in mind!

There are many that I want to thank for helping with the open house. First, my wife, Angela, helped me out greatly. She stuffed envelopes and wrapped boxes and she encouraged me when I really needed it. My children, Alan and Allison, also helped stuff envelopes and did what they could to wrap boxes and cans. For the event day, Esther Martin led the way in making the meal. My grandparents, Nelson and Mary Martin, Natalie Abigail, Lorene Gross and Jack Bowser, as well as my mother, Barb, helped her. My dad, Fred, helped me set up the tables—while we wiped our eyes due to the fragrance of the onions being cut in the kitchen drifting into the gym where the tables were. Others assisted in serving food: Brian Snyder, Keith and Ginny King, Dale and Grace Ramer, Junior and Ruby Carpenter, Tim Carpenter, Larry and Marge Brandeberry, and Jason and Kaylene Miller. Dan Miller and Harley Miller helped to serve ice cream. It all went extremely well. Thank you to all who came, to learn, to eat, or to help out!

Some Thoughts to Consider:

I touched on this a bit at the open house, but I wanted to comment on the last month—October. For someone involved in dealing with the demonic, October can be a difficult month. It is the high season of satanic activity in both the physical and spiritual realm. Some question the sanity of planning and holding an open house during “their season.” My answer, “Why not?” I’ve learned that we cannot back down to the powers of darkness. I like how God takes the bad things they do and try to do and turns it on its head and makes good out of it. God shoves it “in their face” in a sense. In no way do I consider them to be victorious because Calvary is more than sufficient for them. For those who question that, read Colossians 2:13-15. The Lord Jesus has clearly triumphed over the powers of darkness (they hate that passage). As Christians, it is important for us to be aware that October is a month full of spirit activity. That awareness shouldn’t lead to fear or paranoia, only caution.

What cautions can I give? Be aware of events and activities that appear to be good. I firmly believe that nothing about Halloween can be Christianized because it is purely a pagan holiday. Whether trick-or-treating door-to-door or trunk-to-trunk in a car parking lot, as I’ve heard of churches doing, it is still trick-or-treating. The act of trick-or-treating is a re-enactment of superstitions held by Druids

centuries ago. It was done out of fear. Christians are not to live in fear of spirits, but in full confidence that in Christ we have authority over them. What harm is there in trick-or-treating, or any other Halloween activity? Much, much harm can come. Demons are not gentlemen. They will claim any right they can to attack and afflict Christians. Participate in their activities, and a person greatly increases the likelihood of such attacks.

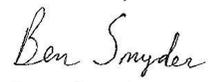
This angers many, saying its all about candy. I love candy and would love to eat it all of the time (Angela knows better and rations it ☺). It simply doesn't need to be distributed in the means that it is for Halloween. Due to working in this type of ministry, I know full well what can happen when we play in their territory. Keep out! It is nothing to joke or laugh about.

Prayer Concerns:

Thank you for praying for the open house. I know it supported us tremendously. Also, thank you for praying for those that we are helping. I ask that you continue to do so, especially as the numbers of cases are increasing. Prayer for wisdom and guidance is essential for us. This will be the first time navigating the holidays working full-time, so we need guidance in planning. Finally, please pray for those who have volunteered to help build the office building. We pray that they will have a good time helping and be free from harm.

Thank you all again for your support. It humbles me very much, and I can't really express to you how much it blesses me.

In Christ,



Ben Snyder