

## *Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians in Need of Guidance and Deliverance*

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Dear APF Supporter:

### **Greetings!**

Wow! What a busy time it has been. I apologize for the newsletter being a week late, I'll explain more why it I didn't get it out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> as I usually do. With the recent holiday, many have been on vacation from work, which meant that some fine men have been able help with the office building. It all came together real fast last week, and was a great blessing in that some major work was done.

### **Praises:**

Obviously, the first praise is the provision of help in digging a trench for laying water pipe, power cable, and phone line to the office building (There are pictures below). Special thanks go to Keith King, Terry Hartman, Merlin Bontrager, and my dad, Fred, for their great help. It was a day I thought would never come! I am so thankful for their help and the progress that has been made. Alan, Allison, and Angela helped as well!



The ministry is greatly expanding. The current number of clients is now at twelve. I praise God that APF minister to people in need. Since the office building is not yet finished, I am still holding ministry sessions at the Yellow Creek Mennonite Church house. In reserving rooms there, the secretary, Gwen Hernley, commented that I should have a secretary to keep all of my appointments straight. ☺ Word has spread of APF and more people are calling for help.

Lastly, I praise God for the growth of financial support. We are getting closer to reaching a goal of having monthly donations to meet our monthly budget. We need only another \$900 a month! I am

truly humbled at the blessing of God and those who are willing to give.

### **Something to Consider:**

In looking through the Gospels and Acts, I fail to find a time where Jesus or the disciples ever shared or broadcasted to others the healing or deliverance of a person. There were times where the one healed publicly shared what happened, but not those who did the healing. In fact, the opposite seems to happen most times: Jesus tries to slip away like the Lone Ranger after he has helped someone. He wanted glory to be given to God, and instructed those healed to do so.

For most other ministries, updates and newsletters can share more openly about their success. For example, and missionary can share the number of those who came to saving faith, and even give a testimony. The ministry of *A Pastor's Friend* is not able to do that quite the same way. Most people who have been delivered from demonic affliction do not want it to be shared with others. Since there is a stigma that often comes with being demonized, there is a level of embarrassment that keeps people quiet for the most part. Confidentiality is a major part of this ministry, as people want privacy with me just as much as they would a secular counselor or their pastor.

Because of the confidentiality issues, I am not at liberty to share about the many deliverances and healings that have happened in the last year. If the healed person is willing, I make case reports that try to keep the person anonymous. These people are few, which is ok. The problem is that I can't write great newsletters sharing all of the successes experienced in ministry. What I can share are words that given from people after ministry sessions:

"Wow, I feel so much better...lighter!"  
"You've helped me much more than you know."  
"It feels good to not feel that guilt anymore..."  
"Thank you so much for your willingness to help!"

Not every person comes a few times and is freed of demons because it is a process. The Holy Spirit leads the person as the person can handle it. When Jesus heals a person's wound, the relief on the face is obvious. People have many wounds, though, and it takes time to process those wounds. As they heal and grow in Christ, the change in the person is evident.

Although people who have received help from *A Pastor's Friend* may not shout it out from the rooftops, they are sharing with others who need help. Word is spreading and the ministry is growing. Praise God! Such growth increases my desire to have the office done...but I must be patient and receive the blessings God has for the ministry!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Summer can be hectic with schedules, for me and for those who call for help. Pray that God can intervene to make our schedules work.

Please pray for the provisions for finishing the office.

Lastly, I ask for prayer for strength, energy, and courage to continue to do the ministry.

### **Final Thoughts:**

Thank you for all the support that you have given. It is humbling for me at how people listen to God and are willing to support the ministry. I pray that He blesses each of you and your families.

In Christ,



Ben Snyder