

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



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Dear APF Supporter:

Greetings!

Finally...I was able to complete the October newsletter. I apologize for not having it sent out on the 2nd of the month as usual, but my computer was not working correctly. It spent last week being repaired, and is now fixed and ready to go.

Praises:

Praise number one is that the repair to the computer was completed and done with very little expense. The men at Brightnet in New Paris were very kind and helpful.

Praise number two is that I am enjoying immensely my time teaching a Sunday school class at Riverview Mennonite Church in White Pigeon, MI. I was asked to teach about spiritual warfare to help them in their work of evangelism. The time there thus far has been a blessing for me.

Praise number three is that ministry work is continuing to grow. I am amazed at how God has worked it so that people find out about the ministry and call for help. People are much more connected than I ever realized!

Praise number four is that more progress has been made on the office building. It still needs a lot of work, but anytime progress is made it is wonderful.

Something to Consider:

CHRIST IS VICTOR! My mentor, Dean Hochstetler, often closed his letters, case studies, and instructional papers with this phrase. When discussing the troubles of the world, he would also often end with, “but Christ is Victor!” It is such a simple phrase, but is very powerful and necessary to keep in mind during the month of October. The fact that Christ is indeed victorious is something I must remember each day.

Growing up, autumn has always been my favorite time of the year. I enjoy the cool weather, colorful trees, baseball post-season (it was the only time of the year that ball games would be on local TV almost every day), and the work of harvest. Helping my dad pick corn on a full-moon night was always fun! I looked forward to the fall without much concern for what season it is spiritually.

As Angela and I became more involved in deliverance ministry, we began to see just how much the powers of darkness are work during this time of year. It became even worse when we committed to full-time ministry. Believe me, we had our eyes opened! This newsletter, though, is not about being afraid or raising caution about all the spirits and the people in league with them will do this month. Instead the focus is the fact that in spite of all that they will do and try to do, the **LORD JESUS CHRIST IS VICTOR!**, which should drive away fear.

Yes, we need to be vigilant and stand in Christian authority against their works, but that standing

should be in confidence that the powers of darkness are already defeated. Colossians 2:13-15 says:

13When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, 14having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. 15And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Christians *triumph* over them. It is important to remember this, so that the enemy does not take away the joy of harvest. God richly blesses us each harvest year, and we want to celebrate His goodness to us. The powers of darkness would love for us to think that they are winning and have the upper hand in this world. The reality is though, that in all that they do, they still lost.

Now, let's also remember to not be cocky, because the demonic still have power. I used to think it was ok to say, "Bring it on!" They will bring it on, and it isn't much fun. Respect what they can do, but do not be in fear and allow them to steal our joy and victory. My intention is to not give them any glory in any way. Ignoring them, though, does not give God glory; we aren't appropriating the victory He has given us. We need to be alert and deal with the demonic as the need arises (1 Peter 5:8-9).

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS VICTOR! May you all be encouraged knowing this truth so that you don't walk in fear of the increasing amount of evil around us.

Prayer Concerns:

Pray for the Church to stand together in the spiritual battle against the powers of darkness, especially this month.

Please continue to pray for the classes that I'm teaching.

Please pray blessings on people in need that God might reach them during this season. I love it when God takes the work of the enemy and turns it around and makes good out of it!

Final Thoughts:

Jude 1:24-25—*To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*

In Christ,



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