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Gary L. Norris
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Dear Joseph,

Sunday, November 10th, I taught Hal Merrit's adult Sunday school class at Buford Grove Baptist Church in Hilliard, FL. Pastor Keith Carringer did the a.m. and p.m. services. Pastor Carringer allowed me to do the Wednesday night prayer meeting. Attendance for all services has been consistent and growing.

Early morning runs to Winn-Dixie on Mondays and Thursdays with Pastor Mike Pruitte are almost a given.

Tuesday, Pastor Keith Carringer, Dennis Perkins, Mission's director at Buford Grove Baptist Church and I went to a nice Pastor's fellowship at New Hope Baptist Temple, hosted by Pastor Jimmy McMillan. Pastor McMillan had two very good speakers. Darrel Vroman, First Avenue Baptist Church, Hilliard, Florida and Jonathan Lyons, representative from Baptist Missions to Forgotten People. There was a very nice luncheon afterwards. I'd like to thank Pastor McMillan personally for putting on such a nice fellowship.

I was privileged to speak on Wednesday night. We had a great week and there were several other projects completed. 👍

Let us continue to pray 🙏 one for another.

P. S. I have sought the Lord’s and believe I know God’s will for the future of Barnabas International. Thank you for your prayers and I will be sharing this as soon as it is finalized. Please do not stop praying.🙏.

Host For The November Pastor Fellowship, Pastor Jimmy L. McMillan, New Hope Baptist Church, Jacksonville, FL

Representative Jonathan Lyons, Baptist Mission To Forgotten People Speaking At The Pastor’s Conference

Praying For A Huge Crowd At Our Thanksgiving Dinner 🦃 What A Great Time To Share The Gospel

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

“ Little Is Much When God Is In It”

Zechariah 4:10 For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and from through the whole earth.

The mustard plant in Palestine is very different from the mustard plants in America. There the plants grow from 8 to 10 feet tall, and in late summer, the birds gather in its branches to feast on the tiny seeds. How is the kingdom of heaven like a grain of mustard seed? In Luke 2 we read of Jesus’ lowly birth. He was not born into a kingly, wealthy, or influential family. The village was small, and the nation was not a World Power. This was truly a “Mustard Seed” appearance.

When Jesus began HIS public ministry, he gathered 12 common men. But though this movement began so small, it changed the world as nothing else ever has. Plato taught for 50 years. Socrates and Aristotle each taught for 40 years. Jesus taught for only three years. Yet the impact of Christ Ministry has far exceeded the combined 130 years of influence from these famous Greek philosophers. The message of Jesus fills the deep void and hunger of the human soul.

The kingdom of Christ is for whosoever will. The birds lodging in the mustard plant tells of the Gospel’s worldwide appeal. Its effects have crossed oceans, continents, and cultures. It has far outshone King Nebuchadnezzar’s magnificent kingdom (Daniel 4:10-12, 19-22). The mustard seed is small and easily digestible, even by very small birds. Likewise, the Gospel of Jesus is simple enough for common people

(even a child) to understand. Its message is “profoundly simple” yet “Simply Profound”.

Today, will we share the mustard seed? It can be a word spoken for Jesus, a gospel track handed to a stranger, or an invitation to attend a church service. Any of these being a small beginning … can be a life-changing experience for some lost hungering soul.

When Is The Last Time You Shared The Gospel 🤷‍♂️

Something To Think About 🤔

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Sinner Saved By Grace 🙏

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