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“...but first gave their own selves to the Lord” 2 Cor. 8:5b

We are now home in Oklahoma City for several weeks getting the windshield replaced in the motor home and extensive fiberglass repairs done to the front. The windshield and front of the coach had some chips and dings from an encounter with a gravel dump truck that pulled suddenly in front of us while gravel was falling off of the truck and peppering the coach. After the windshield cracks started getting longer and splitting the windshield, I decided that for safety's sake, we better get it replaced. Fortunately, our insurance covered the entire repair minus the deductible. We should be back on the road in a couple of weeks.

This past Spring we were able to watch God at work in the lives of His people. We were privileged to be invited to the first annual missions conference of a church in Pennsylvania. God was glorified and pleased. This church, in its infancy as a Bible study group before calling a pastor, took on two missionaries for monthly support. The church has been missions minded since then. Dr. John Halsey preached for the conference on the theme of Faith Promise. The people responded to the leading of the Holy Ghost and when they took up their commitments for the next year were able to more than double their missions giving. This they were able to do because they first gave of themselves. We rejoiced as we watched and listened while God was working.

While preaching in Texas on doing more than giving and praying, I asked a rhetorical question about Saul of Tarsus going to Damascus. I had never had this happen before. A young girl of 10-12 years of age raised her hand. I had already noticed her intensity in listening and that her attention was on the message. Well, I stepped down from the platform and let her answer the question. We had a little discussion for a minute or two, and then went back to preaching. The thrust of the message was to go beyond praying for missionaries and giving money to missions and to get personally involved doing something for missionaries, evangelists, pastors, etc. We exhorted the folk to be available to God for whatever He would want to do through them.

After the service, this same young girl came up to us at our table and said that God had laid on her heart the children of missionaries, especially those who may not have any friends their age on the foreign field. She wanted to write to them and encourage them on a regular basis. We told her that the preacher would be glad to give her the names and addresses of the children for her to write to. We rejoiced at the tenderness of such a sweet young child and wondered out loud, “Oh, that God's people could grasp that vision!”

We want to thank the new churches that have taken us on for support and for being such a tremendous encouragement to us. The fellowship of the saints, though over a great distance, remains sweet and refreshing.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

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1 Cor. 10:31