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In Amish Homes

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.” Romans 3:28

It has now been sixteen months since we moved to this area to minister to a horse-and- buggy Amish community. The Lord has allowed us to be welcomed into many, many homes where I have learned that many are relatives of ours. The local bishop is my second cousin, and his wife is Miriam's third cousin. Of course, many local families are related to the bishop. We are also learning where a lot of other communities are located, including in other states. Usually, I am invited into their homes for meals, which gives me opportunities to share my salvation testimony and often present the gospel.

I was invited into the home of a young man named Glen for supper one evening in southern Indiana. Glen heard my name and wanted to know who my relatives were. He told me his cousin Rachel was married to a Coblentz and had lived in Ashland, Ohio at some point. Rachel was my brother Jonas's wife. She passed away several years ago of a brain tumor. Jonas has been immobile and under the care of my sister Susie since her passing. Glen met Jonas not long ago at the funeral of Rachel's father Eli, who was Glen's uncle. Glen told me of his uncle's last few months before his passing. Eli seemed very concerned about making it to Heaven, but he believed one has to be a direct descendant of the apostles of Jesus. Eli had received a letter on the matter from a relative named Elias of New York, whom I had visited and referenced in my last letter. Glen told me his uncle was comforted by having Elias' letter read to him, of how Jesus said that "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." During the conversation, Glen and I were soon speaking about doctrine concerning the security of the believer. Insecurity of the believer is a stronghold among the Amish. 1 John 5:7-13 is one of my favorite passages on that subject. After sharing several scriptures on the subject, I asked Glen how our salvation would not be works-based, if one is depending on living a good life in order to keep it. He said he would have to think on that.

Family News: Miriam is doing better again after having undergone more tests at a wellness center and changing some of the supplements she was on. Thank you for your prayers for her. We are very grateful for the many letters and cards of encouragement you dear folks have sent to us. Since my last writing we have moved closer to the homes of the folks we are ministering to. **Please confirm that you have our new address on file: 2666 State Route 550, Cutler, OH 45724.** We had a very unpleasant experience while purchasing this property. On the day we were to have closing we learned that the water pipes under the kitchen sink had frozen and then thawed out. As a result, water was running for several days, flooding the kitchen, dining, and living rooms before the owner knew about it. We ended up renting a house while doing some major remodeling for several months. Some of our belongings are in storage. Miriam has a temporary kitchen set up in the basement. We are truly blessed with friends and family who have been and continue to be a great help to us! Thank you all for your Prayers!

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