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Fall Greetings!

This fall has been busy! Since September 1st, the Lord has allowed me to have **15 meetings** including **7 mission conferences** as far north as **Plymouth, Wisconsin**, which lays claim to the title of *Cheese Capital of the World*, and as far south as **Fort Pierce, FL**. Also, I was able to assist several churches with outreach and witness to people as I traveled. May the Lord bring forth fruit from those labors!

I am looking forward to finishing out the year with a handful of meetings and spending time at home during the holidays!

Speaking of holidays, **Thanksgiving** is almost here! I hope you have a **wonderful Thanksgiving holiday**, and I want you to know that I appreciate your prayers and support very much. **I am thankful to partner with you to reach the lost for Christ!**

This year, **the Lord has been so good to me**. He has blessed me beyond measure and taught me so much about Himself, life, and ministry. Below are a few of the things that I am thankful to the Lord for this year.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord, thank You for the blessings of this year.
I don't deserve Your love, mercy, tender care.

Lord, thank You for the Christians I have met
In over sixty churches going state to state.
They've been so kind and dear to me.
Thank You, Lord! Thanks for generosity—
Their kind and gracious hospitality.
Many saints—I can't list them all—
But You know, Lord, each name and face I can't recall.
Thank You, Lord, for the people—Your people that I have met.

Lord, thank You for the souls You've let me touch:
Jonathan and Oscar, Clarabelle and Larry,
Dominic and Laura, Matt 'n' Mary—
I'm glad I got to meet them and be your witness—
Elizabeth, Moriah, Chris,
Michael, and that ol' Georgia farmer baling hay.
For these souls' salvation do I now stop and pray.
Thank you, Lord, for the souls—the souls you've let me touch.

And thank You very much
For letting me show Javon
The way of salvation
And that he accepted as such!

Lord, thank You for Your Spirit's work in me
To make me what I ought to be,
To make me more and more like Thee.
I'm thankful when You chasten me,
When You show me sins I do not see.
I'm thankful for heartache, loss, and pain
Because they draw me close to You again.
Thank You for the directions and corrections of Your loving hand,
For by that hand do I now stand
And taller than I stood before!
Thank You, Lord, for the grace in which Your Spirit does restore—
Your Spirit Who helps and restores.

Lord, thank You for teaching me
That the life of denying self is best.
Living in Christ is truly blessed,
Letting Christ be my all in all—
Sufficient for my every need.
In Christ I'm surely promised to succeed.

Lord, thank You for times of uncertainty
Because they make me trust in Thee,
They make me trust more and more in Thee.

Lord, thank You for being good.
You are always good—always and only good—
I love You, Lord! I thank You, Lord! for You are good.
You are always and only good.

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