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to build and edify the Body of Christ.*

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you once again for your prayers and support as I travel across the country doing the work of our Lord. A busy summer it has been, so I'll try to focus on the highlights.

Picking up where I was in my last report, we had another great time in the U.P. of Michigan with a tent revival in South Range, MI and giving out tracts at an annual parade in Houghton, MI. From there I travelled to Minnesota where things got interesting; while spending time preaching in church plants around the MN/SD border and doing other ministry labors with church planters, I ended up having emergency surgery on a strangulated and incarcerated hernia which required removal of 12" of small intestine. This episode involved a 60-mile ambulance transport from one hospital ER to another town for surgery. This resulted in medical bills from a total of 6 different agencies for which I had no insurance coverage. (I was still in the process of getting coverage through a Christian ministry, but this hasn't been started plus the hernia was pre-existing.) My recovery went well and to the Glory of God, I never missed a pulpit appointment; in fact, I was in the pulpit the Sunday following my release from the hospital. I also praise the Lord in that the three smaller of those bills have already been cleared through the help of God's people and the hand of God in negotiating those balances. In like manner, I am trusting God to eradicate the remaining large bills in a very short time. I am also trusting God to provide the additional support needed to start the medical coverage I spoke of earlier. I have other needs for more support (which has never been complete) and another RV due to imminent growth in this ministry.

I was able to move on to the next tent revival in Faulkton, SD where I was limited physically as we raised the tent, but I did what labor the doctors and my body would allow. I had to be careful preaching for several weeks, but God gave me strength. That was an intense week as we did VBS in the mornings and revival at night all under the tent. As in the past few years, I handled the contesting, memory verses and rewards while the pastor taught the VBS as Bro. Redmond and I alternated each revival night as usual. This was our 5th and final tent revival this season.

I then traveled to St. Louis, MO to do two VBS meetings and two Sunday appointments. There I did my full VBS program in two churches before returning to South Dakota. In addition to a full schedule of preaching for church planters on Sundays and Wednesdays, I did a Bible Club in the park in Watertown, SD which was my 5th children's program this season.

Please keep me in your prayers as I work my way to the South preaching Sundays and revivals!

A Servant of Christ,

Evangelist Van Billingsley

*"Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father
hath sent me, even so send I you."*
-- John 20:21

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