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Friends,

The Lord continues to bless the work here in Rhode Island. I remind you that this is the state from which all our religious freedoms and evangelistic efforts in the USA originated. Names like John Clarke, Obadiah Holmes, Roger Williams, Ezekiel Holliman, and numerous others made the history of this small independent state. Those early founders, who were faithful to the Word of God, have passed from the scene. Most of their history is forgotten, but there is a remnant that remembers. We have much for which to be thankful. On May 4th, 1776, Rhode Island became the first American colony to renounce allegiance to King George III. It was the last state to ratify the United States Constitution on May 29th, 1790. Much of the language of the US Constitution was already provided in the Declaration of Independence of the colony of Rhode Island before July 4th, 1776.



The attendance here at North Tiverton Baptist Church has stabilized, and more volunteers are stepping up to the plate for service. We are thankful for this. We have added three to the church family by baptism since our last letter. We believe it is the beginning of a revival in our community. Most of the churches are woke, dead, or dying. There are far too few preachers coming to the Northeast. April 14th, we celebrated the Anniversary of



the Church here. We had the former pastor, Mike Hamilton, and his wife, Maureen, come and participate in the celebration. They were used mightily of the Lord to preserve the doctrinal and spiritual integrity of this ministry for twenty-five years. Before they came, there were literally dozens of short-term preachers who never brought the church forward significantly.

Matthew 9:38 *Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.* We are praying for laborers and ultimately a man of God that will take the ministry here to the next level. Please pray with us about this matter. If and when the Lord moves us along, we intend to place the church in the hands of a capable and experienced man of God who will have a steady hand for the storms ahead. There is a great need for church planters in New England, as well as opportunities for seasoned men to help hurting churches. We will be happy to provide more information on these matters to interested parties.

The missionary offerings of the church have also increased allowing for an expanded missionary footprint. *Thank you for helping us by prayer and giving to re-plow these old, fertile fields for the gospel.*

With All Best Wishes,

The Lewis Team

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Joh 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and [*then*] cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.
