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Friends,

It is December already. It seems that our agenda is Christmas, the end of the year, winter storms, political unrest, church closings, discouraged pastors, war in Israel, high prices, hurting people



and lost souls. It is so normal for lost souls to be at the end of the list of our priorities. It is difficult to keep the main thing the main thing. Satan continues to exaggerate our problems and minimize our blessings. Then if we are not careful we will be unthankful. I won't say that I am untouched by the afore mentioned conditions which we all face. I will say that I am thankful for God's presence and power. He has not lost His focus and we can lean on Him when we are troubled. The Lord has blessed the worship services here and we have at least two awaiting baptism at this time.

My wife just had a Christmas Tea which a few of the ladies from the church attended. She does a great job in her ministry with women and young girls.

Our burden continues to grow heavier for the New England States. Historically it has often been referred to as "a preacher's graveyard." There are still many counties and towns today that have no viable gospel preaching churches in them. I am continually asking the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers to win souls who are lost in sin to the Savior and plant churches in His name for His glory. If you know of a preacher who wants to win souls and plant a church, ask him to pray about the Northeast. We will be happy to provide information, statistics, and contacts to those who are interested. I encourage you to support this initiative, whether through prayer, resources, or direct involvement. I believe that that no community should be left without a place to hear God's word and experience His love. There are some great churches in the Northeast, but not nearly enough. The states that have a shoreline on the east coast make up the most densely populated area in the United States.

I thank the Lord every day for the friends He has given us over the years. Our friends have been our enablers. I cannot imagine this journey without the encouragement, companionship and support that we continue to enjoy from so many of them.

With All Best Wishes,

The Lewis Team

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Mt 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.