



# unto the uttermost..



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I think I could write a book from the last 3 months! It is so good to finally be able to let you in on what God has been doing here in Lakewood.

First, A Word From the Lord

I had been making great friends with the local pastors, many have shown great interest in helping the work here. I was attending a youth camp fellowshiping with some local pastors when one of them quoted me a verse about trusting in God and not man. Somehow his words carried more weight than the immediate conversation warranted. I had been *depending* on a couple of the local pastors for help providing church staff and to resolve my problem with the Mayor. So I wasn't surprised when all their promises of help evaporated! It was clear to me that it was just me and the Lord to begin the work here. God had gotten me into a place where I could look to no one but Him. *What that means...*

Some Adjustments

The date was quickly approaching when my temporary partner would have to go back to school, no hint of a

replacement. I had been putting off the start of Sunday services here waiting on help from those around me. With no partner that meant I would be doing all the household things, buying and preparing food, traveling alone, visiting alone and handling all the music, teaching and preaching in the Mission. But I knew I wasn't really *alone*. As people began to ask what I was going to do, I began to tell them "there are four of us; me, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit".

I set a date for our 1st Sunday trusting the Lord for the details.

"...who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation..."  
1 Peter 1:5





The Blessings...



Strangely I found that when I visited alone that people are much more willing to talk to me than before! I met a lady with 2 young kids who was a Baptist before in the city. She was *ready* to get back to the Lord and get her extended family involved. Her friends and family are 100% Subanen tribe! I have landed in the middle of the people I intended to minister to! We have quickly made friends and began a Bible study in their neighbors house. Our 1st Sunday Service came June 28, we were 10 in attendance (at left). Just after our 1st Sunday, in order to make friends, I attended a parade. After the parade and program, the Mayor came to me and told me that he no longer had a problem with me roaming around, the (mysterious) danger had pasted. What a blessing, no longer did I have to sneak around like an outcast in order to do my work!

Now... I'm learning a little of the Tribal Language and we're talking about going across the lake to visit the remote areas where paganism is still practiced.

Lately the neighbors kids have started hanging out here at the church. I let them play Bible games on my laptop. I've got a some older ones who are asking to learn to play guitar! I'm just elated that there not afraid of me any more! We are planning a evangelistic film showing here in Oct/Nov.

I've found that my Bible studies and preaching need to stay on Salvation. Here in the center of town, people are very religious, but very Lost!

I covet your prayers for God's blessed work here. *Please pray*

Thanks again for your prayers and support,

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