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Dear Friends,

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First Things First

Kathy has been having some problems and visited a doctor in September. She is now scheduled for surgery on Dec. 8. Please be in prayer for her. I will stay with her for four weeks following surgery to watch over her.

New Book

The newest book, *The Time When There Was No Bible* is now out. It is truly a great tool for parents and grandparents who wish to educate and protect their children and grandchildren concerning the truth and preservation of God's word.

Next Video Tract

We now have \$18,610 of the \$48,000 needed for the next video tract. The tract we're doing will be *Creator or Liar*. This will be a great witnessing tool to a world intoxicated with evolutionary propaganda. Want to be part of it? Go to www.bvptracts.com or send your donation to: Biblical Video Publications, 1701 Rand Morgan Road, Corpus Christi, TX, 78410. All donations are tax deductible.

Meetings

The meetings have been going quite well with good results in the churches and good reports long after the meetings are over.

We were temporarily stranded in Halifax, Nova Scotia, due to Hurricane Ivan. Then we spent several hours in JFK in New York to catch a flight to Hartford, CT. We got in bed about 3 AM and took off the next morning around 7 AM for Ithaca, NY where I performed a wedding for a young man who I had pastored back in Auburn 25 years ago. We then started a meeting in Ithaca. It ended on Wednesday so Thursday morning we headed for a Thur.-Sun. in PA. That's when the trouble started. I had remembered the mileage wrong. It was 350 miles and I recalled 250. That made us arrive 2 hours later than we had expected. Not usually a problem except for two things; Kathy had to leave for an Ohio doctor's appointment and was now two hours later than she thought she would be. Also, the service that evening started at 6:30 not 7 PM which pressed us a little harder.

Upon arrival we had a bit of trouble getting power out of the electric box where we were parked. I told Kathy to leave as soon as she could and went back to the electrical box. When I finally got power we were getting close to time to leave for church. Unfortunately, our front air conditioner wouldn't work. (It was sweltering!) Just before I left I yanked the filters out and put them in the kitchen sink to soak while I was at church. As I was doing this there was a knock at the door. The guys helping had encountered a problem hooking up the sewer tube. I went out and we got that resolved. Pressed for time I grabbed my Bible and we headed for church. Three-and-a-half hours later I stepped back into the trailer...**and heard water running!** I looked over at the sink. I had left the water on! Worse yet, I had

forgotten to open the grey water valve. The grey water tank had filled and backed up through the sink and flooded the RV! Water was all over the counter top & the floor and was cascading outside the full length of the slideout. The one good thing was the RV was leaning slightly to the same side the sink was on so the water ran to the wall and outside rather than running out across the floor. The cabinets on the sink side of the RV were flooded.

The pastor and a man from the church graciously stayed till almost midnight helping to clean up. We emptied all the cabinets and had to wet-vac the carpet behind them. I was up til 1:30 AM finishing up. I was so glad Kathy was in Ohio. She has been super tired lately and the shock of the accident would have hit her hard. I had it all back together by the time she came home the next day.

The next day I had no water in the RV. Our hose was hooked up in the basement of the house where we were parked. I stepped into the basement to find my hose had blown and flooded the basement floor.

Our trip to England

We got up at 7:30 AM and headed for Orlando Int. Airport. We were over London at 6AM (1AM our time) the next day. As we circled London the lights of the darkened city along with the eastern horizon being on fire with the rising sun was breathtaking, the most beautiful sunrise I've ever seen.

After 19 hours of traveling we met Missionary Pete Dickens and headed straight for the British Library to examine some New Testament Greek manuscripts without stopping at our hotel, which was 2 hours away in Poole. (This was **my** design, not Bro. Pete's. I had limited time in London and wanted to review the manuscripts before leaving London.) After reviewing no fewer than 26 manuscripts in the 3½ hours there we headed for a quick "refueling" meal and then to Lambeth Palace for a look at 18 more manuscripts stored there. We left London around 5PM. We never stopped moving from the time we woke up in Orlando until we went to bed in Poole for 36 straight hours. It simply had to be done to achieve what needed to be done.

The next morning I taught for four hours on the King James Bible and then another couple hours that evening. Sunday morning we drove a couple hours and I preached at Riverside Baptist Church in Exeter, pastored by Bro. Stewart Harvey, a British pastor. A quick bite and we drove back to Poole where, at 4PM I taught Sunday School and at 5, the main church service. Bro. Pete has to meet at those times because the church he rents from uses it in the morning.

Monday morning we headed for Oxford, 2½ hours away for a tour including information on the translating of the King James Bible. Then back to Poole where the conference began that evening. All-in-all six different churches were represented during the meeting.

Thursday we went to Winchester College for the 400th Anniversary display there. While viewing the various displays the guide called me aside and took me into the room of John Harmar who headed up the Second Winchester Company during the translation of the King James Bible. It wasn't part of the tour. Pete had asked him to. It was a true blessing to be in the room he worked in while working on the translation. Harmar and Miles Smith did the final review of the original King James Bible.

In Christ's Service,
Sam Gipp