

Dear Praying Friends,

"Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account." Philippians 4:17

What a time was had in east-central Mississippi during our days there in early December! Some twenty laborers and messengers for CHRIST yoked together to get the gospel to every creature we could find. We enjoyed great fellowship, wonderful accommodations, delicious meals, and most of all—the great and effectual door opened to us of our LORD. At ecvministries.com you can view a brief video of our days with Lighthouse Baptist Church. *"Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of CHRIST, and stewards of the mysteries of GOD."* From EC&V, our gratitude goes out to each of you who gave the "gift" of time, of talent, and of treasure toward the "fruit" which has come about this past year ... and that which will continue to "abound to your account." It is good for us to oft remind ourselves of the stewardship due our SAVIOR; and of perhaps equal prompt, the "account" each and every Christian is responsible to tend to before our FATHER. *"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to GOD."* As the calendar turns, may our LORD provide the means, fill us with HIS SPIRIT, and move us to dig up any "talent" which in fear we have hid in the earth to then thus put that thing to labor and increase for the kingdom of GOD.

Meet our ECVM Steward!



Brother Gerald & Stacie Rice (High School sweethearts) have been married for 32 years, and are blessed to have five children and three grandchildren. They were both blessed to have been raised in the Church and saved at a young age and have been members of Gospel Light Baptist Church in Cottondale, AL since 2010. Gerald felt called to ministry in 2001 and believes it is a Biblical mandate to seek to get the gospel message to every person the LORD places in his life. Gerald, Stacie, and their family have served the LORD in various local Church positions, prison, and university campuses, missionary work, and currently as a layman-evangelist serving as the Outreach Coordinator with Every City and Village Ministries.

Every City & Village Ministries turns our attention now to Carbon Hill, Alabama where we will work alongside Pastor Ronnie Colburn and the Freedom Baptist Church. The dates are March 25th thru the 29th . *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest, that HE will send forth labourers into HIS harvest."* We invite you to partner with us in any way you can as laborers for the work and truly desire that *"fruit may abound to your account."*

You can connect with EC&VM through: ecvministries.com A ministry of: Gospel Light Baptist Church, Cottondale, AL (205) 507-0944

Laborers together,

Bro. Frank & The Stewards of EC&VM
1 Thessalonians 5:25

"It was a tremendous blessing having the EC&V ministry team with us a few weeks ago. We thank the LORD for each of them, and were greatly encouraged by the mutual faith of the team. Laboring together with GOD, we were able to reach a big portion of our community, which would have taken us months on our own. By GOD'S grace, we were able to reach over 2000 homes, give out hundreds of free Bibles and New Testaments, and thousands read the Scripture verses on the streets. Many good contacts were made, and we are continuing to follow up week by week. Just this past weekend, one of those contacts trusted CHRIST as their SAVIOR. The seed was bountifully sown, and we are praying and trusting GOD to provide the increase. To GOD be the glory!"

Pastor Chris Rutledge ~ Lighthouse Baptist Church ~ Columbus, Mississippi