



Ohio Missions

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What a February in Ohio. Record snowfall, cold temperatures, some as low as -35 with the wind chill. We had to cancel some services because the snow, cold, and ice always seems to come on Saturday night to Sunday morning. We continue to have a lot of sickness among the people. We averaged 45 for the month with visitors on a regular basis.

We continue to mourn the loss of my mother who has gone home to be with the Lord. We are getting her house and land ready to sell as she left everything to the church. We are hoping to sell everything quickly so we can start our building project this summer. Please pray with us about this.

Starting this month we are adding something a little different to our report. We want to introduce you to some of our members and share their story about Shiloh MBC.

In His Service,
Rod Shaull

Hello, we are the Cowles family. My name is Jeremy, and my wife is Tracy. We also have a daughter, Rachel, who just turned four. We moved from Florida to Ohio one year ago. We were members of 30th Avenue BC in St. Petersburg where Bro. Robert Aligood is the pastor.

When moving to Ohio we started attending other Baptist churches but found either legalism being practiced or the Word not being fully preached. My wife has a mild case of Cerebral Palsy and she loves to be on the front lines telling people about Jesus. Some of the churches felt that her disability would distract people from Christ and would slow down their visitation. We became whipped, beaten and discouraged spiritually. Then we located Shiloh MBC in Clyde. We called Pastor Shaull and decided to drive the 120 mile round trip to attend services. Upon walking in the doors we were overwhelmed with love, joy, and sincerity. The Bible was preached 100% and the gospel was clearly presented. Bro. Shaull has opened his doors for us numerous times, inviting us to stay with him to ease our travel time on Sunday mornings. We have never seen such unconditional love as we have seen at Shiloh.

We pray that we can be used of God to bless others, as Shiloh has blessed us. We were strangers in a strange land and they received us as Jesus would have done. He used them in such a powerful way to restore our spiritual health.

I would like to share one other thing. As we decided to move closer to Clyde my wife's family had said they would help us but they did not. My wife and I proceeded to unload the truck (my wife was 4 months pregnant at the time), and my wife started to have complications. At 3:15 that morning I had to rush my wife to the hospital where she lost the baby. We notified Pastor Rod, he notified the church and they all began to pray for us. We have never seen such love and compassion. Immediately after services the entire church drove over and helped us unload our truck. They are a shining example to us of true Christianity.

In Christ's Love,
Jeremy, Tracy and Rachel Cowles

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