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# THE GRAY GAZETTE



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## A BUSY JANUARY

We're on the road again! People frequently ask us if we tire of all the traveling that we do for our job. Honestly, sometimes we do. But the minor inconveniences we face by traveling pale in comparison to what missionaries in the past faced as they literally packed their coffins to take with them as they left home, knowing they would never see or talk to families and friends ever again, and yet were committed to serve in their fields until they died.

One of the great things about traveling is that we get to interact with all the fantastic and faithful co-laborers that God has put in our lives! Just this past weekend for example, we were in Austin to train the volunteer team. They are a dynamic group who love Jesus and want to share the good news with others in the area. We love "hanging out" with them! The other volunteer teams with whom we work are equally passionate about their service and just as fun to spend time with! You can see that there are many pluses to the traveling that is necessary for our job.

We will spend the rest of this week in Houston connecting with our Houston Weekend

## GOD PROVIDES

I looked at some of the early 2016 newsletters as I prepared to write this first 2017 newsletter, and it caused me to remember. I remembered that at the time we were praying (we asked you to pray too) that God would send forth laborers into the Houston market. Then I thought of how perfectly God has answered that prayer! We have new Weekend to Remember® Directors (WTRDs) and some other new volunteers in Houston. God provides.

Then I thought of the time when we needed a huge sum of money to get our son into a needed program, so we applied for a grant, prayed and asked God for it. We were soon awarded the largest amount that could be given! Another time, we needed a smaller amount so that Scott could go on a mission trip with a team from our church. We asked God for it, and a few days later we received an unexpected refund for the amount we needed! God provides.

Next, I began thinking of all the countless ways that God provides for us daily. The breath in our lungs, the food in our bellies, the places where we lay our heads; it all comes from Him! God provides!

It is good for us to remember how God cares for us so wonderfully. It helps us to be assured that we can always trust Him. He provides!

**I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. Psalm 77:11**



Austin volunteers practicing what they've learned



### Prayer Requests:

**Please pray that we will listen and look for where God is leading and that we will follow.**

### Thank You!

To all of you who prayed for and participated in the Year-End giving that God amazingly poured out upon us, we thank you! We collect a large percentage of our income through your year-end gifts, so we are indeed thankful!

