



We're so proud of and thankful for Karina's decision to follow the Lord in believer's baptism in spite of the chilly water and weather! We're delighted to have her in our church family.

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Dear pastors/supporting churches,

The question we asked was a pointed one, but the person's answer was unforgettable: "I've trusted in Jesus as my Saviour and He has washed my sins away!" What joy filled our hearts as we heard those words come spilling from the lips of a young woman who recently started attending church. We were meeting with her to discuss baptism, but we immediately steered the conversation toward salvation. We wanted to make sure that she was a believer before we went any further in the conversation. However, she made it quite clear that she was 100 percent certain of her salvation. She also told us that she was ready to be baptised. Later that week, Karina was plunged beneath the chilly waters of our baptismal trough as she publicly declared to our congregation that she was a follower of Jesus Christ. She was all smiles as she emerged from the cold water. We're so proud of Karina, her shining testimony for Christ, and her desire to serve the Lord. Please keep her in prayer as she continues her journey with Christ. We're excited about a new program that we recently launched on Wednesday nights aimed at ministering to children ages 4-12. The kids seem pretty excited, too! An average of 10 to 12 children have been attending the program, which includes a heavy emphasis on Scripture memorization. We're praying to reach more children in the future as we promote the outreach to the community. Adults, meanwhile, have been learning how to defend/share their faith with others during the Wednesday Bible study. Once again, we're reminded of God's provision of a building where we're able to meet on weeknights and minister to the spiritual needs of both children and adults. In recent weeks, Doug has been approached by several individuals who have expressed an interest in being discipled. This is such an encouragement to us and an answer to prayer! Our prayer is that every person who has been saved or comes to faith in Christ would follow the Biblical model of one-to-one discipleship. We've done much of the discipling over the years, but there are also several trained lay leaders who are involved in the discipleship ministry. Please pray for the Lord to produce new spiritual growth through these new discipleship relationships. Last month, for the first time, we held a Sunday afternoon class for new members/new believers in our church. The class - which covered several of the foundational doctrines taught in the Scriptures - exceeded our expectations, averaging 10 to 15 people in attendance each week. We praise God for the engaging discussions that occurred, and we plan to offer the class again in the future. Crossroads Bible Institute also resumed last month and is going strong with 5 students enrolled this semester in Bible Doctrine Survey. It's such a blessing to see the hunger that the students have to learn God's Word! As you can tell, there's a lot happening in Mallow; thank you for keeping us in your prayers and supporting us through your giving.

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