Dear family and friends,

I apologize for being so late writing this newsletter. We are already halfway through the month of July but have been so busy that I am just now getting to sit down and take time to think about what all went on back in June. On June 6th we played at the Front Porch Pickin' in Sabougla, MS. Sabougla is a little community in Calhoun county. The Front Porch Pickin' is held a couple times a year by Jess Moore and his family at his old farm house known as the Pryor Place. It is always a lot of fun. There were pickers there from Mississippi, Kentucky, Texas, Tennessee, and probably other places that I missed. There were even folks there from Montana. The crowd is always huge and there is plenty of good food. The next Front Porch Pickin' will be in October and if you love good clean music and fun make plans to be there.

The next weekend we headed to Texas. On Saturday, June 13th, we played at First Baptist Church in Hull, TX. They had a community supper that evening and we sang after the meal. We also played during the Sunday morning service the next day. Misty's great aunt and uncle, Patsy and Jerome, are members of FBC Hull. They put us up in their home while we were there and we are very thankful for their kindness. While we were in Texas we picked up two of Misty's nieces, 7 year old twins, and brought them back to Mississippi with us to spend a few weeks for the summer.

We arrived back home late Sunday night. On Monday, while I was at work, Misty unpacked and washed our clothes from the trip to Texas, and then packed us all back up plus the two extra little ones and got us ready for a trip to Alabama. We left about 4 am on Tuesday and made it to Camp Meeting at Victory Baptist Church in Childersburg, AL just in time for the morning service. We were blessed by the preaching and are very thankful for the opportunity to sing several times while we were there. I had to be back at work Thursday morning, so we left after the service Wednesday night. We are very thankful for God's mercy while traveling and his strength to keep going. The way that God has worked out the services we have been booked in with my work schedule has been miraculous. Please pray that if it is His will he will continue to do so. Please also pray for guidance for whether or not we should purchase an enclosed trailer. My wife and I have been trying to decide if we should spend the money or not and have not had peace either way. We believe it would make traveling easier but do not want to create an unnecessary burden on ourselves.

On Saturday, June 27th, we sang at the Teasdale Ladies Auxiliary in Teasdale, MS. They had planned to have the event outside, but because of rain we move indoors. The ladies there are always very kind and fun to be around. That evening we traveled over to Chickasaw county Mississippi to sing at the home of Mrs. Rose Morgan for an adult Sunday School class social. There were over 60 people in attendance. They had some great food, and were a blessing to us. On Sunday evening, June 28th, we sang at Sardis Lake Baptist Church's Independence Day Celebration. It was a blessing to be able to be there because we have always enjoyed celebrating the 4th of July at our home church, Bethany Independent Baptist, but this year we were asked to come and sing in Texas on the 4th.
I won't list our July bookings in this letter because we are already half way through the month. You can take a look at what we have coming up on our website. The link is at the bottom of this page. You can also look us up on Facebook. We are thankful for God's blessing and hope we are able to bring him Glory. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter!

Please pray for us,

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