

THIS IS ONEIDA ON THE ROAD AGAIN

On a recent Saturday afternoon, I hit the road in one of our trusty Dodge Caravans. After three hours of driving I reached Bowling Green, where I visited a dear friend of our ministry. His son was in from Texas and it was an honor to meet and visit with him as well.

My next destination was Jackson, Tennessee. There I visited another friend of OBI and also met her two children. Dr. Donnie Fox of Clear Creek had helped make this connection possible. This friend had a load of items she wanted to give to bless our school. Her husband had been a long-time Kentucky and Tennessee pastor and director of missions, and she had served at the Western Recorder for 17 years. It was a blessing to visit this sweet lady.

My next destination was Tuscumbia, Alabama and my route took me through part of Mississippi. Once I arrived in Tuscumbia, I settled into a historical yet beautiful old house owned by the church that I would visit the next morning. This church had recently traveled with their association to Oneida and had invited me to speak. After a good night's rest, I made my way to Sunday school to share with some of those fine folks who had recently volunteered at Oneida. I poured my heart out at the 11:00 a.m. service, and this wonderful church blessed OBI with an amazing love offering.

After lunch with the pastor and his family at a local steakhouse, I headed back to the house for a nice, little Sunday afternoon nap. Feeling refreshed, I then headed for another church in Muscle Shoals. There I found some more folks who also love and support Oneida.

After another good night's rest, I gathered with the local Baptist association to share about our ministry with a group of pastors. In addition to telling them some of our Oneida story, I also tried to encourage them in the Word and urge them to continue serving and to not grow weary in doing good as Galatians 6:9 says.

After some more fellowship and another fine lunch at a local restaurant, I hit the road for home. All told, I traveled 875 miles in the 2.5 days, but even more important than that, I was able to make many new connections for Oneida.

I continue to be amazed at the love and support that so many wonderful folks offer to us. The Lord is so faithful, and often uses his faithful people to meet the needs of our unique ministry. I continue to thank the Lord for all of you who make what we do possible on a daily basis.

If you would ever like for me to come and share more of our story with you, just give me a call and I'll hit the road and head your way.



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