

Visiting the Grishams

By James Morton, Sr.

First of all, I give honor to the Most High God, Jesus Christ.

This trip to see the Grishams was inspired by the first trip in February.

It was my birthday and what a birthday gift! Also, it's just good to check on our loved ones every so often. God has commanded us to love each other as He has loved us.

About a month before the trip, we announced a plan to go visit the Grishams. We wanted to rent a large vehicle, but it was a little expensive. So Paul offered to use his vehicle.

We decided to leave a little early, about four a.m. As it worked out, the entire crew got loaded around five and hit the road soon after. The drive went well, with a couple of stops along the way. We sang a few songs and played Jonathan's guitar.

While approaching our destination, we were advised that the Grishams would only be available the next day at one p.m. We prayed that the Lord would show us favor, since it was yet early. Called Sis. Grisham and indicated that we would be leaving on Saturday morning, so we could make service Sunday morning.

Sis. Grisham consulted with Bro. Grisham; then came back and gladly accepted our offer to take them out for the evening. I think it was the catfish dinner offer (Bro. Grisham).

We picked them up at six p.m. and had a great dinner and fellowship. We all went back to their home and talked, laughed, and had a Spirit-filled prayer. I feel like I know people I have never met. They wore us out, but we enjoyed every moment of it.

We all went to the hotel and got some sleep. Then, hit the road the next morning and headed to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where we stopped at Sweetwater music for a couple of hours, then headed back to Michigan.

What a wonderful trip!

* -jm, sr.



James Jr., catches a few winks on the Grisham's sofa!

Tennessee

By Jonathan C. Jeffrey

When I think of Bro. Grisham, several things come to mind; steadfast, patient, calm, anointed, wise, loving, giving, laughter, joyful, peaceful, integrity and sensitivity to the Holy Ghost. Those are just some of the things that come to mind when I think about him.

Bro. Grisham is just a man, but he is a Godly man, fully and completely surrendered to God! He was my Pastor for twenty-eight years of my life, I am now thirty, and I have seen his walk with the Lord through the times filled with joy, through the times filled with sorrow and pain and every emotion that can come upon a man. I can say that he was and is faithful, not wavering through any of it! What a joy it was to travel the trip from Detroit, MI to Ashland City, Tennessee, with my fellow brothers in the Lord, to see him and Sis. Grisham!

Bro. Grisham dedicated me to the Lord when I was a baby, baptized me in Jesus Name when I was nine years old, and performed the marriage ceremony for my dear wife Janine & me in 2004!

Considering the love he has shown me and my family over the past thirty years, traveling to Tennessee to see him was only a small token of my love and appreciation to him in return. What is amazing was that even in his more frail state; still the strength of the love of God in him gave us guys that went there so MUCH more in return! He mentioned to us that even in his more weakened body, his doctor told him that his heart was in perfect health! Is that really a surprise though? I think not.

We had such a wonderful time with Bro. and Sis. Grisham in the Lord just laughing, sharing with them how God was working in our lives and in Detroit, hearing about their lives, hearing about their wonderful friends and family that have been such a strength to them, praying with them, and just all of us being there for each other as friends and family!

In fact, by the time we had to leave around midnight, Bro. Grisham visibly seemed to have gained strength (Thank You Jesus!) and they did not want us to leave!

We did not want to leave either (my heart still aches as I think about it), but we had to pull ourselves away to get the needed rest to travel later that morning back to Detroit.

I look so forward to being able to take my wife Janine and my two boys, Travis & Ian to see them as a family when we are able!

Bro. Grisham, again, is just a man, but ordinary he is not. He is a true Soldier of the Lord, never looking back, always looking forward! Thank God for a real man who knows where his strength lies... in Christ Jesus! * -jej

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:14)

**God Bless You Bro. and Sis. Grisham!
We love You!**