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Dr. Brown,

Good afternoon! I am writing today in reference to Revive Ohio and its impact on our church and community. In the Fall of 2017, Revive Ohio was held here in Auglaize County; I and several of my church people were very much involved. As a result of our involvement:

- Our people were well-trained in a simple evangelism effort with wonderful tools (the tabbed Bibles and matching wristbands).
- Our people understand the connection between evangelism and discipleship better than ever, and we have a great discipleship tool (the Project 52 book).
- One of our ladies led a stranger on a train to the Lord.
- I have personally been discipling a shift of local firemen weekly, and have continued to do so after we completed the Project 52 book.
- Several of our people became connected to new converts in discipleship meetings.
- 5 of our churches here in St. Marys have begun holding annual combined VBS programs and our pastors have become more united than ever before.

One thing I want to make clear is that this is not a church growth method. Our church has not seen an increase in attendance. And several of the discipleship connections have fizzled. However, this is not the fault of Revive Ohio, and this ministry has given us a greater vision for reaching the lost in our community, equipping us along the way. Perhaps more than anything else, Revive Ohio has equipped our people for evangelism and discipleship.

If you or any of the churches on NCO become involved, I believe you will be blessed and become a greater blessing as well.

Sincerely,

Tim Smith, Pastor

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