



Dear Family & Friends March, 2016 Nathan D. Pietsch

ASSIGNMENTS IN MISSOURI

During the month of March, Dawn and I spent some time in Missouri. One of the locations we were able to go was Ferguson. The city of Ferguson has made the headline news in recent days because of the "Ferguson Unrest" protests and riots.

The riots began following a fatal shooting. The unrest sparked a vigorous debate about the relationship between law enforcement officers and African Americans. The unrest also fueled racial hatred. Dawn and I went to the City Hall of Ferguson on a specific assignment.



Nathan and Dawn at the Gateway Arch in St. Louis.

While in Missouri, we also went to St. Louis. St. Louis is a port city along the Mississippi River. It felt a lot like being in New Orleans. There were several "things" we were able to do in St. Louis. We found our way to the Old Courthouse building. The courthouse is famous for the "Dred Scott Decision". Dred Scott was an enslaved African American man who unsuccessfully sued for his freedom in 1857. The court ruled against Scott stating that he nor any other person of African ancestry could claim citizenship in the United States.

We also went to the Gateway Arch. The Arch was built as a monument to the westward expansion of the United States. It is a historic site, and Dawn and I are honored to be used by the Lord to carry out His assignments in Missouri.