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## **July 2008**

Greetings to all! Summer is in full swing, and the warm temps sure do feel good after a long and nasty winter. Things have been going well with the ministry, but Satan has attacked me and my family for the last year and a half. It all started last year when Jane thought she had breast cancer. We got through that, and then 3 weeks later while we were in Wales, Jane got a major blood clot in her leg. We got over that and then my Dad had to have open heart surgery, and then Jane's Dad fell sick, and died with lung cancer just after my Dad's surgery. My uncle almost passed away which was very upsetting to my Mom seeing it was her brother, he still remains very sick, Jane had to be hospitalized while we were on the road for a massive kidney infection, and then she was in a wheel chair at the end of 2007, because of a pulled disc in her lower back. All this was going on while we were just as busy as we had ever been. Things slowed down a bit just after Christmas, and then Jane's Granny died in January, of this year. My Dad has had 2 more surgery's on the arteries in his legs, my sister Kim has had uterus cancer, and my Dad is waiting now on what to do about an aneurism that is in his stomach, that he will need to have surgery on this year. On top of all this there has been some major family issue's that need to just be prayed about on our behalf. Jane and I and our girls are as focused as ever on what God had called us to do, we have just had these attacks, and we would ask you all too please continue to pray for our family, **and especially Jane's family.**

We have had some much needed rest the first six months this year. We have been busy, but not on the road as much. Today is July 1<sup>st</sup>, and my schedule for the rest of 2008 is booked like it usually is. We are leaving this weekend, and will be on the road for 3 weeks, and then will be home for a week, and then I will be in revival, and then it is off to Grenada from August 15-26. I will be home for a week, then back on the road for 2 weeks, and then off to Wales from September 15-Oct 2, 2008. I fly back in from Wales on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, and start 5 straight weeks on the road. I will be back for another week, and then on the road until the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in December. I then have 18 Christmas singing & preaching dates booked to start to raise money for our 2009 mission trips. So please pray for our strength and souls for these upcoming trips.

## **APRIL 2008**

April found us in 19 services, and one meeting I want to tell you about.

I did a revival/evangelism conference for the Old Pathway Baptist church back in April. This church is running about 10 -15 people on a good day, in the Chesterton, Indiana area. This church was very excited to try and learn what the Bible had to say about evangelism, and the importance of it. It turned out to be very exciting with great participation from the church, and Pastor Larry Lipps. They are still doing very well, and trying to build that work through the help of the meeting. Please pray for this church. And pray that God will give our family more opportunities like this one to help churches this size. It was a real blessing for us to be there with these fine folks.

## **MAY 2008**

May found us on the road very busy and in 23 services. One of these services was on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at the Bridgeview Elementary School. You may remember our street meeting last year at Smyrna Baptist Church in Bridgeview, Illinois. 4 people were saved during the meeting! Praise God! Anyhow Pastor Ben Casey and church family met a missionary who was from England to the Chicago land area, reaching kids in the public schools, with the help of churches in the area. Pastor Casey, and church started an after school Bible program for the kids at the school. It's called the, "good news club." Well the church has been there the entire 2007-2008 school year, every week. They have seen one saved, and a high attendance of 32 kids. We had the chance with Missionary John Harmon going to Brazil, and our family to preach, and sing to these kids on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. We had a great time, and the kids gave our family a thank you card for helping Smyrna to get into the school. We are so happy God led us to help this church that was running around 15 people at the time, to help get this new ministry started out of their church, and reaching kids, and trying to build their church through biblical evangelistic efforts. Praise God!!!

## **June 2008**

June found us on the road the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the month, with our Mission agency's national campmeeting. It was a time of refreshing, and recharging of our spiritual batteries! Our family sang, all week, and I ran the sound there for the week. We heard over 18 sermons that week, and they were EXACTLY what our family needed. After returning home we hosted missionary Darren Rogers from Wales, along with his family, and 3 other guests from his church for the last 3 weeks.

They stayed here at our home, and I am helping Darren raise support for his work in Wales. He and his family also helped us in our home churches vacation bible school the week of June 23-27 2008. Praise the LORD 3 kids were saved including Darren's nephew that came with him from Wales. We did a cowboy theme this year, and I was Wild Bill Hiccup! Man was it fun!

I helped to write the skits, and played the character roles, and the girls sang every night. It is always fun to do our home church VBS. Our home church also took up a \$2600.00 offering and gave it to Brother Darren and his family to pay for the plane tickets, here to America. I thank the LORD for our Pastor Brother Robby Coggins. He is a huge supporter of missions, and of our family. It's always nice to come home, and your pastor has an open door for you to minister at home as well. We love him very much! We really had a great time. You can go to our home church website at [www.welcomehill.org](http://www.welcomehill.org) to look at the VBS photos. I am the guy in black! I also got slimed as well! What fun!

## **Urgent needs for our ministry----GRENADA & WALES 2008**

As I have reported in previous letters this year, we are on our way to Grenada August 15-26, 2008, and Wales September 15-Oct 2, 2008. As it stands right now we still don't have enough support for either trip. We needed a total of \$15,000.00 for both trips. We have raised \$7000.00 for the Grenada trip. We still need to raise \$2,250.00 for this trip, and \$5750.00 for Wales, and we need this by August 15!

We know and believe that God will provide. We also understand that times are very difficult right now for every person living in America. So please pray about what you can do to help us, and I believe that God will bless. I have attached a detailed letter about the cost for the trips, and what we will be doing while we are there.

Again let me say Thank you to everyone that helps month in and month out. Our ministry is growing, and some of the demands are a little greater, which is a good problem to have. Please pray for us as this happens, our faith will increase, and that we will be good stewards over God's money, and that God will continue to use us to bring people into the kingdom of God Through spirit filled preaching, and singing. I hope you have a great summer! We will let you know of the good news in Grenada and Wales, in the fall! God Bless, and please continue to be faithful to the call God has given to you.

Your Missionaries,  
Billy, Jane, Emily, Ashley, and Sarah Sampson

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