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## *The Sampsons (Missionary to the Missionary)*

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### **April Prayer Letter 2002**

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.....

March has found us very busy. We started our month off going to Lufkin, Texas with Pastor Mark Sawyer where we did a revival with Missionary to Wales Bro. Shane Jackson. It was a tremendous meeting with many decisions made for Christ during the week. This is one of the sweetest churches I have ever been in. The people there in Texas were very kind and very open for revival that week. Wednesday night was the highlight. We had a hour and a half invitation, and people were coming and praying the whole time !!!!! Praise God he is still causing revival in 2002 !!!!!!!

While we were there we had a chance to be with some other pastors. We sang and presented our work at Goyen Hills Baptist Church in Nacogdoches, Texas with Pastor Ike Quinn. We had a wonderful time of fellowship. They were very open to the work God has called us into, and supported the revival meeting all week with Pastor Sawyer.

The following week we were with Pastor Jack Thrift of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Texas. I preached and sang for there morning service, and had great liberty to present our work. Pastor Thrift is a great Bible teacher. His Sunday School lesson that morning was tremendous! We then went to the Promised Land Baptist Church in Lufkin with Pastor M.D. Scarborough. We preached and sang for him and presented our work. Thank you to all the Pastor's in Texas who had us in there churches. We really appreciate you and pray for your ministry's.

One thing I thought I would mention about Central Baptist in Lufkin. There is a fellow there by the name of Sammy who is about 40 something years old. Sammy has been playing Piano almost all his life. Sammy has not played in a church service for almost 10 years. He does play for his mother in a ministry she has for handicapped children there at Central, but he hasn't played for a service in church. During the revival the Lord spoke to me over that, and it bothered me. I approached Sammy and asked him to play the old song, "He Touched Me," for me while I sing it. Guess what....HE DID IT !! And he did a wonderful job at that. It was a real blessing for me and the church, and added a great blessing to the revival.

I was at the Pacific Garden Mission March 16<sup>th</sup> in Chicago to sing for the Saturday night service, after the taping of the Unshackled program. I have been invited to come there about every 3 months to sing for them. **3 men were saved the last time we were there. PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE !!!!!!!!!**

I presented our work the following day to our Home church, where they were very excited about what was going on in the Mission work God had called us into. I am the first missionary to ever be called out of that church, and it is an honor to have Welcome Hill Baptist Church as my home church. I Love you all!!!! Thank you for praying for us.

We then were in revival at the Crossroad Baptist Church in Hammond, Indiana with Pastor Bill Hayes. It was a great revival. It was a real joy to my heart because my brother David preached the meeting while I took care of all the music for the 4 day meeting. Again we seen a great movement of the Holy Spirit.

David, my brother, then started revival at our home church on March 21<sup>st</sup> and went through until Saturday night. It was a great joy to be there at our home church for the revival, seeing that we are hardly ever there on Sunday's due to our heavy deputation schedule. We had a great revival, and great alter response all week. Praise the Lord !!!!!

I was then with Pastor Jerry Stepp of the 1<sup>st</sup> General Baptist Church of Cicero, Illinois, on March 24 in the pm service. Before I went to the pulpit, the church made me stand in the front and with 3 great cheers they shouted to the top of there lungs, **PREACH THE WORD !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!** By the time I got to the pulpit I was so fired up to preach, I felt like I could charge Hell with a water pistol !!!!!!! We had a tremendous meeting, and God dealt with several that night. No one was saved but many made decisions to draw closer to Christ. We Love Bro. Jerry !!!

Finally, the next morning we were off to Thomasville, North Carolina. When I arrived at Midway Airport in Chicago it was 20 degrees and snowing. When I got to Greensboro, N.C. 3 hours later it was 74 !!!!!!!!!!! Wow what a culture shock !

We did a revival with Bro. Jay Noland at the Liberty Baptist church. **Praise the Lord we had 1 young lady who accepted Christ as her Savior that evening.** We had a wonderful revival. If you have not had Jay Noland to your church yet for revival you need to have him. I promise he will be a blessing to your church. The people there at Liberty were so kind to me and I want to thank you for allowing me to be a part of your revival and telling you about our work, and Thank God for North Carolina Barbecue.

**Thank you Riverview Baptist Church in Erwin, Tennessee and Pastor Alan King for taking us on for a monthly support, and to the Sonrise Church, and Pastor Clemon Chappell also, and to Pastor Ed Moore of the Bethany Baptist Church in Ynyshir, Wales,U.K. We love you all. It is an honor to be your Missionary. Please continue to pray for The Sampsons. We are at 12%, with only 88% to go. Thank you Jesus.**

Running the Race,

Billy Sampson Missionary Evangelist (The Gospel Preacher Association)