

The Sampsons (Missionary to the Missionary)

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30% and Climbing !!!!!!!!!!!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!! Many things have happened in the last month or so that we are excited to tell you about.

We began the month of July in Pennsylvania, and Maryland with Dr. Gary Moore and the Pennsylvania area campmeeting, with host speaker Walter Burrell. We had a wonderful time and saw God's moving hand in the meeting, Bro, Gary Moore allowed me to preach on Wednesday morning, and I had great liberty, as God moved during this time. The Sunday before the meeting we presented our work to the Cornerstone, and Charlestown Missionary Baptist churches. We were welcomed with open arms.

We had to leave from there and come back home for the weekend of July 14, 2002. I was invited by the chaplain of NASCAR to sing at the chapel service for the drivers on Saturday and Sunday, and share the gospel with the drivers. I was very nervous but it was an opportunity of a life time. I had a chance to sing to people like Jeff Gorden, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Rusty Wallace, etc... It was exciting, but most of all I feel like the Lord allowed us to make an impact on the people we ministered to while Jane and I were there. We had a chance to pray with and talk to Michael Waldtrip's daughter who was going on a mission trip the following week. She was a bit nervous, but I feel like the Lord gave us the correct things to say to her. She was a real blessing. And then also Jimmy Spencer who drives the the target car came to me with his family after the service and purchased both of my CD's and said that the songs I had sang really stirred his heart, and that his family would be listening to the songs, because they enjoyed it very much. This thrilled my soul, because that is the reason I make the CD's. Hopefully after I have met someone the message of Christ will continue to be heard for years to come, through the music that my brother David and I believe in so much, Praise the Lord !!!

We then went to a home for the elderly in Joliet, Illinois, and put on a gospel concert for the folks, and presented the gospel to them. Jane and the girls were with me and they also sang. It was a great blessing to be with these precious people. That next weekend we went to Columbus, Georgia and was with Pastor Jonathan McNeese, and sang for him, and presented our work. Pastor McNeese just started this mission church in March, and already he has seen over 20 people come to know Christ through the work. It is people like Pastor McNeese who have started churches like this one that we want to help. Pastor McNeese said that when I can come and be with him for a few weeks and help out to let him know. Praise the Lord. We then were at the Elizabeth Baptist church that evening in Marietta, Georgia, with Dr. Stephen Stanfield. We sang and preached and presented our work, and have been invited back next year to do a Bible conference, along with my Brother David.

Finally we were in Sneedville, and Bluff City, Tennessee and presented our work to 2 other churches.

Pastor Rich Webb in Sneedville was a real blessing to our family. The morning I preached at his church we had a wonderful alter response, and people were weeping over the message that I had felt God had given me. The Lord moved in and stayed around for a while. We had a great meeting.

Thank you Pastor Danny Salyer for having us after a cancellation. He allowed us to preach and present our work that evening, and we appreciated that so much.

Family Update

As I write this letter I am experiencing the worst cold I have ever had. The Doctor told me I almost have Pneumonia. Please pray for me that I will get better. We are not slowing down, and we could use a little more rest. Please pray that God will give us the strength we need to get our support. We feel obligated to stay as busy as possible, and to work hard to get our support. So please pray for us.

How can I help?

We are now at 153,000 miles on the old van. God is blessing. If you see a good used van for sale that has low miles please contact us and let us know.

We are putting together a CD for the Mission churches that will have 20 traditional hymns on it, so they will have some type of music in there services. This will provide them with a good quality sounding CD, and will only have music on it. The Mission Pastor will only have to practice with it, and will be able to have music in there service. They will be able to use it regardless of the language barrier they are around. It is going to cost around \$2500.00. We have a family in Maryland that has already sent us \$600.00 for this project. If you would like to help please send the money to the GPA home office, and say it is for the Mission CD project for Billy Sampson. Anyone who contributes I will send them copies, and you can send them to any missionaries that might need one. Thank you, and we Love each of you. Until next month.....

Running the Race,

Billy Sampson