

The Sampsons

Missionary to the Missionary

December 2004

Merry Christmas!

Greetings to all! I want to thank those of you for having our family in to your churches this year, and also for your prayers, financial support, and constant source of encouragement to our family throughout the year.

We have certainly learned that we could not do what we do without you. We pray that God will bless you for your faithful giving to this ministry, and that He will fill you with all his blessings this holiday season.

To give you a quick run down this year on our deputation, and where we are at, we have traveled over **45,000 miles**, been out of the country twice, preached and sang in **18 different states**, and have seen over **60 people saved** in meetings this year. We are approaching **60% of our support**, and planning to go **out of the country 3-4 times next year**. We have several meetings booked for next year with missionaries who have started works here in the United States, along with other repeat meetings that our schedule will allow us to do. We are excited that God is using our family for His Honor, and Glory!

Time, and letter space will not allow me to tell what has went on in the past three months, but I do want to share with you one particular meeting that God allowed me to do in August that still thrills me.

August 16-20, 2004 Pastor Clemon Chappell and I held an open air church service meeting on the Westside of Chicago. I touched briefly on this in my September letter. The results of the meeting were far greater than I could have ever expected. Let me explain how this meeting came about. In January of 2004 I shared a burden I had on my heart for the people on the Westside of Chicago with Pastor Chappell. Pastor Chappell is from this side of town, and understands the culture very well. As I explained to him that I would like to do an open air preaching meeting on this side of town, I also said to him that I would like to bring in someone who is from the Appalachian region, who is an old fashion Holy Ghost filled preacher who would click with the culture of this diverse community. We were led to contact brother Travis Sharpe from the Garden City Rescue Mission in Augusta, Georgia. Travis is a graduate of Victory Baptist College in North Augusta, S.C. and is a compassionate individual, who has a great gift to preach, and communicate the gospel in such a way, that you can't help but want to listen to what he has to say. Another burden I had was to ask Travis if he would consider bringing five or six gentlemen from the college who would pray about coming to Chicago, after they got out of school to start ministry's here. Travis brought 6 people with him, who helped in the meeting, and also got a real good idea of the need here. By the end of the week we had **8 PEOPLE SAVED** and a host of other decisions that were made. This area had no "pre-warning" that we were coming. We found an open lot in January, prayed over it, and God was honored. Another blessing was that God held back the rain for us all week! What a blessing!

There was a little storefront church next to the lot that allowed us to use their electricity. God is Awesome!

We had no disagreements with the police. They too were very cooperative. We had great Liberty all week.

On the last night of the meeting we had over **60 people** at one time coming from the homes in the area to listen to what we had to say. God was truly honored all week!

We are planning to do three or four of these meetings in different area's of the country next year. Please pray that it will be effective in winning people for Christ, and that God would open doors for us.

WHAT TO PRAY ABOUT? Please pray for our 2005 schedule, that we would get the other 40 % of our monthly support raised, and that God would send us to the right places to get the support. Also pray for our health, and most of all pray that God would give me power in my preaching, and singing. God Bless, and have a Merry Christmas! Until next time, Keep looking up! (Titus 2:13)

Running the Race,

Billy Sampson