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December 2005 Merry Christmas!

Greetings, and Merry Christmas to all! We pray that this letter finds you serving the LORD Jesus, and accomplishing all you have set out to do for our risen LORD.

It has been a little longer in sending this letter out so please accept our deepest regrets. Our ministry has been packed late in the summer, and also this fall, including two months where we were in nine straight weeks of meetings. Since the end of July we have logged 13,000 miles (GAS at \$2.20-\$3.00 a gallon as Dr. Ed Moore would say, "What a Blessing!" LOL!) We have been in 15 weeks of meetings, including almost all the Sundays, and managed to sneak in two weeks of being at home to do some much needed repairs on our home back in August. Being on the road it is very easy to let things go a bit. The thing that we are most pleased with is all the missionaries we have been able to help during this time, and for the 22 people getting saved during our meetings! Missionaries Clemon Chappell, Jerry Key, Jay Noland, Mike Wagner, and Pacific Garden Mission, we have been able to help during this time in meetings either in there church or in outside meetings we have planned.

Dr. Jerry Key's work is still maintaining in High Point, N.C. with a camp meeting they are having now every year. He has said publicly that without our ministry it's hard to have the meeting, because it is very difficult for him to have music, sound equipment, preaching, and the money to give someone for doing all those things. We Thank the LORD everyday for giving us what meager talents we have, so that we can help encourage missionaries who are in such desperate need of help, **at no charge at all!** And we thank the Lord for you that have supported us, and believed in what we are trying to accomplish. We have been at it now for four years, and our schedule for 2006 has us booked in meetings with missionaries and supporting churches through next November. We still need to raise \$1,500.00 in monthly support. The problem is that we are not booking as much as we would like to book with missionaries, because of this monthly need. There are so many people we could help, but without the other \$1500.00 a month our expenses would far out way what we are taking in, because of the amount it costs to travel and support a family of five. Our current support and revivals are what is allowing us to do what we are currently maintaining. Please pray that we could get that last \$1500.00 a month in support in 2006.

Bro. Jay Noland's work is going well in the mountains in Virginia. We were with him in October doing much of the same we did for Dr. Jerry Key. We have booked another meeting with him for next year, along with all the other missionaries we have been with this year. We will be going back to Wales in April, and helping missionaries there for two weeks, and through Easter. We will be in Canada, and hopefully Africa, and Mexico. We are also setting a goal to finally go on a trip with Keith and Roberta Johnson who is the youth mission directors with the GPA. I literally could not live 20 lives and do what I want to do for the LORD! He has done so much for us. He is this family's motivating factor to do what we do. We Love our Saviour!

Let me tell you about one of the 16 souls saved in August in mine, and Pastor Clemon Chappell's outside preaching meeting on the Westside of Chicago. This was our second meeting. It was very successful. Missionary Travis Sharpe again brought 5 preachers from Victory Baptist College where Dr. Larry Brown is pastor in South Carolina. Dr. Herb Adams' church, Carolina Baptist Church in South Carolina also brought 15 people with them, and helped us, along with some local folks. (Over Please)

They again could here us for 4 blocks in any direction that you walked. We had over 70 people come out one night from off the streets. We also had some hecklers come and try to discourage us, but we kept right on going.

I believe we passed out some 5,000 tracts! A young lady named Tina lives in an apartment near the open lot we set up on. The only thing that separates it is an alley way. We met Tina this year on Wednesday night after our meeting. She was coming across the parking lot from the store, when one of the members of Dr. Larry Browns College asked her if he could give her a Gospel Tract. When he did this she literally began to weep! He called Pastor Chappell and I over to talk to her, and here is what happened.

She said that she had been listening to us all week from her apartment last year, and again this year but felt ashamed of her life. She said that we were a real blessing to her when we were there in August 2004.

I said, "Oh you were here last year?" She replied I heard you all, but did not come down last year either. As she still was weeping she said, "Last year I sat up there and listened as you said that Jesus would save my life. When you all left last year I stared out the window at the open lot you preached on for 3 days. I was within an inch of making the decision of selling my body into prostitution to support my crack habit. I remembered what you said, and told myself that God would save my life." The next day she checked herself into a rehab place and told us it had been 11 months since she had touched any crack cocaine. She said it was a direct result of the meeting that helped her make the decision. She said that God had saved her life!

I picked up on her "terminology," that she felt like God saved her life by saving her from her addiction! I asked her the question, and made this statement, "I am thrilled Tina that God has pulled you out of the addiction, but has God saved your heart as well? She had NO CLUE what I meant!!!!!!!"

We spent 15 more minutes with her, and by the time it was over she dropped to her knees in that old glassy parking lot, and gave her "HEART" to Christ! She came the last two nights to the meeting with her Son, and Mother. We are currently sending her materials to help her with her Bible study, and desperately looking for a good Bible teaching Baptist Church in her area. So many stories, so many people we could tell you about, so many lives being changed, but time will not allow us. I already get told how long my letters are! LOL...

I guess when the needs are great, and the work is progressing, I can't help writing letters and telling what is in my heart! I pray all of you have a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, and that you will become one of the greatest soldiers enlisted in the Army of God! I wish I would have had time to tell you about our VBS this past summer we helped organize at our church. It was awesome!

I love you all, and remember we have prayed for you today!

Your Missionaries, and Co-Labor's in the ministry,

Billy Sampson and the Sampson Family

P.S. I hope you enjoy the picture we sent. As you can see we have been cheering on the White Sox for a long time!

88 years here in Chicago was a long time! Hope you didn't mind the photo. We had fun with the kids making it! God Bless and again Merry Christmas!

