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Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! As I write this letter Pastor Clemon Chappell, Travis Sharpe, and I are in a meeting on the Westside of Chicago. We are located on the corner of Division and Long. It is an old vacant lot, which the city of Chicago owns. We are using the lot to sing, preach, pass out tracks, and witness to the people on the streets. We are doing this "open air." It is exciting to see the people responding. We had almost 50 people come out of their homes Monday night to listen. They say they can here the sound system for almost a ½ mile away. There are well over 5,000 people in that radius of space. We go through Friday. Please Pray!

Our schedule has been very busy this summer. We have traveled over 13,000 miles since May 1st. From June 1st-July 17th we were only home 5 days. Deputation has been going well. We are currently approaching the 60% rage, when everyone sends support at the same time. Sometimes it is a little tough doing what we need to do, because our support level doesn't come in on a monthly basis as we would like for it to. Some support is sent every two, to three months, which is of course a tremendous blessing, and we do appreciate it, because we couldn't do what we do without your prayers, and financial support. The LORD has certainly taught us to trust in him, for our every need, and he has used our faithful supporters to meet those needs. We love you all, and thank God for you, and pray for you often!

We have done so much since our last prayer letter. **We have helped EIGHT different missionaries, or mission boards in evangelistic meetings, including one meeting out of the country.** We were in Woodstock, Ontario Canada the end of June, preaching in a teen revival, and helping to run a V.B.S. as well. We had one saved in the meeting. We have had several saved in the meetings in the last few months, and we are praising the LORD for this. We were at Calvary Baptist Church in Overpeck, Ohio in May, and had **6 people saved** in that revival. It was a great meeting. I am scheduled to go back in the fall to present our mission work. Please pray for this church.

Another revival I did was at the Freedom Baptist Church in LaPorte, Indiana. My brother David and I did the revival May 27-30th. This church was organized about 1 year ago. The Pastor has been trying to start, and establish a good fundamental Bible teaching church here for a long time. There are a few other good Independent Baptist churches in town, but he has set up on the other side of town. There is certainly room for another church in this community. We had a good revival, with about 18 people being the high attendance service. Some of these folks were 1st time visitors. Last time I spoke to him, he was still encouraged, and moving on with the work. We are going to be back next spring. The next time we are going to try and organize a team, who can go up a week before, and canvass the area before the meeting. The church did that this time, but we are going to try and get some help for them. Please Pray for Freedom Baptist Church.

As I said in the letter earlier Jane and I were only home 5 days from June 1st- July 28th. During this time God met with us in one particular meeting like I haven't seen before. Let me explain. I was invited by the Chilhowie Baptist Church, in Chilhowie, Virginia to preach for their teen camp from June 14-18th. From the very beginning, Bro. Matt Herrell the youth pastor for the church, and I were on the same page with ideas for the meeting. I called him and asked if I could teach a soul winning series in the morning meetings, using the 10 commandments as an effective tool to reach others with the Gospel. It is a series that is used by a fellow named Ray Comfort. The series is called, "The Way of the Master." When I asked Matt about it, his comment was, "Someone just gave me a piece of paper with the name of that series, and told me that I needed to consider looking at the teaching, and to listen to a message that Ray preached entitled, "Hell's best kept secret."

That excited me, because the very thing I was calling him about, he was just told about. We talked and agreed that the series in the morning meetings would be appropriate. A couple of weeks later I called him with an idea for the theme of the youth camp. God was leading me, and preparing me to go down and encourage the kids to be effective soul winners. I felt like if they could get on fire, it would catch on to the kids around them. I asked Matt, what he thought the theme of the camp should be, and I was taken back by his response. He said, "I wanted to call it Carry the Light." When he said that my heart filled with joy, because that was the same exact title I had picked. My brother David had wrote a song entitled, "Carry the Light," and I was going to use that as the theme for the week. God was working!

The 1st night of the meeting God laid on my heart to do something Bro. Ed Moore had done 20 years earlier when he was my pastor in Chicago. I preached on the importance of having a testimony. After the preaching we shut all the lights out in the building, and had 100 candles on the alter. As I lit my candle and gave the 1st testimony, I encouraged the teens to light their candle off of mine, and give a testimony. 2 hours later we had over 50 candles lit. There were tears of joy in the building as young people from every walk of life gave testimonies. We got our point off write away about Carrying your light! As the services went on, and the teaching of the Way of the Master in the morning, and preaching in the evening went on, Wednesday night, **God broke through!** When the invitation was given, over 100 children, and adults were crying out to a Holy God, in hopes of winning their families for God. We dismissed the service at 9:15 pm, and kids were still praying at 10:30pm. After we left the church we had a time of songs, testimonies, and a bon-fire as well. The Spirit of God was so rich, that after Matt dismissed the kids back to the cabins, God was still working. We had a total of 8 kids saved that night, several others getting assurance of salvation. We did dismiss service at 9:15, but God didn't dismiss until 3:15! Yes, we were up almost all night. Kids were busting out of those cabins all night! In all we had 16 kids saved in the meeting. In July we did a youth meeting in Orlando, Fl. We had 11 saved, 3 young men surrendered the call to preach, and 34 rededicated there life to live for God!

Where are your mission dollars? They are invested in the lives of people who are in desperate need of a Savior! Thank you for allowing our family, and trusting us to be your missionaries, and to be a servants for our Lord Jesus Christ! **BILLY SAMPSON**