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# The Sampsons

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Philippians 1:3-5 says this, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

This is certainly the prayer and thoughts of this family towards all of you that have helped us in our ministry, from the very 1<sup>st</sup> day, until now. We praise God for you, and all your work for the Lord Jesus. What a joy we share with you in the fellowship of the Gospel! It is our continued privilege to be co-laborers with you in the form of missions, and evangelism throughout the world. Thank you so much for your continued love and support of this ministry, not only financially, but prayerfully as well.

Since our Christmas letter, we have been extremely busy as usual. We finished December out doing **19 Christmas Concerts**, in which I preached in 12 of them. We not only did small churches, but also hospitals, retirement homes, and a concert for the people at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago on December 17, 2005, **where 4 people were saved!**

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2006 has been a great blessing, as well. God has brought our family through so much. We have traveled close to 10,000 miles the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, and have been everywhere from Iowa, to Florida, and just about the entire south east coast. We have seen people saved, lives changed, and people encouraged for the Glory of God! I have even had some great opportunities to witness to some of my cousins here in Indiana in recent days as well. Please pray for them. (Kevin Gray, and Chris Norton.)

A new opportunity that our family had the chance to do in February was to sing an entire week in Asheville, N.C. for WKJV radio, where Dr. Wendell Runion is the station manager. We were invited with a host of other family groups to help raise money for the radio station. **Last time we checked with them, pledges were coming in close to \$100,000!** We were there with Bro. Brian McBride and his family, and Bro Kurt LaBouve, Lance Carpenter, GPA missionary Jimmy Roland, and a host of great preachers! Bro Wayne Owenby, and Dr. Larry Pearson were some of the great preachers there! It was like old fashion campmeeting! It was a thrill for the girls to get to do something like this. We have been invited next year in February as well.

## Health issues

We have had some sickness as well. My Dad fell and broke his back on December 9, 2005. He is a walking miracle! He is doing great after back surgery, and is expected to be at 100% by summer. He has had to slow down a bit, but is walking, and driving already! Praise God!

On Friday February 3, 2006 we didn't have a real good news day. Jane's Dad had a stroke, Jane's mother was told she had to have a stint put in her heart, and she only had one valve that was open, Jane found a lump on her breast, and I was told that I was a type 2 diabetic! Needless to say it was a bad news day.

God has seen us through! Jane's Dad had to have surgery, we almost lost him, but God brought him out of it. He is still not out of the woods yet, but he is doing much better. Jane's Mom had her surgery, and is doing well! (Please pray for them.)

I am doing fine. The Doctor told me I needed to loose weight...Duuuhhhh!!!! I was at 266 pounds, and my sugar level was around 140. Since Feb. 3, I have lost 28 pounds, and am committed to getting down to at least 200 pounds. They told me I would not loose weight on the road. Tell me that, and I am the type person that I will do it, because you said it can't be done! With God all things are possible! My sugar is normal, and things for me are fine!

Jane is the one I am REALLY rejoicing over! Her biopsy came back negative, and it was just a cyst! God has brought us through what could have been a disaster. We are like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abendego. Listen to Daniel 3:17-18; If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. **But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.**

**We are resolved to serve HIM! He went all the way to Calvary for us, so surly we can do all that we can do for him!**

**As the old song says, We are not going to Bend, We are not going to Bow, and We are not going to Burn!**

**We have decided to follow Him!** Thank you so much for your prayers.

## Mission Trips 2006

This year we will be helping **9 different mission endeavors**. Jane and I will be leaving on April 5, 2006 for Wales, and Belgium to help several missionaries. We will be helping Pastor Paul Jones in Wales, and Pastor Todd Kurkendall in Belgium on Easter weekend.

The cost of the trip is around **\$2000.00** for Jane and I. If you would like to help us, we sure would appreciate it. I will be preaching, and Jane and I both will be singing, and taking care of the music there. Again thank you all for your support. We love each of you, and pray for you often! Until next time----Give the Devil a black eye for me, would you?

**Your missionary, Billy & Jane Sampson, and Girls**