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Missionary to the Missionary

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## 8 Saved!! 8 Saved!! Hallelujah!!

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I feel like the Apostle Paul did when he greeted the church at Philippi.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3

The work is going wonderful! May started out great. We were in North Augusta, South Carolina with Bro. Travis Sharpe who is with the Garden City Rescue mission. Travis ask me to come down and sing, and help him with a fund raiser that he was doing for the mission. They run their facilities on donations given by churches, and individuals, just like any other missionary would. I sang that day, and had service while people were coming in, to the fish fry fund raiser. Travis raised over \$6000.00 for the mission that day, and God certainly met with us during the singing. It was great that God gave us the opportunity to aid this Missionary, and help him to raise some much needed funds that the mission was in great need of!

That Sunday night we were in Spartanburg, S.C. with pastor Dennis Carter, and the Trinity Baptist Church. Bro. Dennis Carter's daughter has had cancer for over a year now. When I came to service that night, Bro. Carter had shared with me that his daughter had been really suffering that day, and that she was ready to go on to be with the Lord. Brother Dennis asked me to preach and sing that night.

I prayed and asked God to help me sing and preach something that would be an encouragement to him and his church in this very trying time. God laid two songs on my heart that night, that I felt would be a help. The first was a song that my daughter Ashley sings when we are on the road called, "Lord I can't make it without you." As many of you know Ashley had a brain tumor when she was just 4 years old. After many struggles in her own life, the girls were able to make their very first CD. When we were picking songs for the project Ashley felt like this song fit her well, in spite of what had happened to her. Ashley sang these words that night at Bro. Carters, "I don't understand the reasons for this trial, and this burden and the valley's I walk through. I can't comprehend write now what God is doing, but all I know is I can't make it Lord without you! All I know is I can't make it Lord without you, I'll be honest I don't know what to do, and perhaps it's all a mystery unfolding, so all I know is I can't make it Lord without you!"

Just after that I sang the song that my brother David wrote called, "We will go on." Brother Dennis told me that night that this song has met so much to him, during this trying time. He said that he listens to it everyday! There was such a sweet spirit in the service that evening. God came down in a very special way. We want to give Jesus all the honor and glory, for allowing us to make the CD's that we make. I am so glad that God is using the music ability's that he has given me to bring honor to his name, and to bring encouragement to those who here these songs. Thank you Lord!

Later that month, God allowed Pastor Clemon Chappell and I to do a revival at the **Pacific garden Mission in Chicago**. Pastor Chappell and I saw 12 saved at the last meeting in October. Well this time God worked on **8 people who came to know Christ this time around! HALLELUJAH!!!!** On Thursday night of the meeting the message God laid on my heart that night, was a very simple thought, that allowed me to give a clear presentation of the Gospel. During the invitation there was a women who went to talk with the director of the women and children's department of the mission. After about 7-8 minutes with her, she came out of the counseling room, doing some of that old fashion, Holy Ghost, shouting!!!! She shared with us that after she had heard that message she had realized why she had been struggling with what she thought was her Christian life. She had never been saved to begin with, and God had showed her during the message that she was lost, and in desperate need of a Saviour! Praise God she was saved that night!

Please pray for Pacific Garden Mission. We are honored to say that they are allowing us to have "Old Time Campmeeting" there in October. The dates will be October 16-18, 2003. If you would like to come, we would love to have you. It will be a mission trip, so please try and make arrangements to come.

We want to also thank the following pastors for having us in these past few months, to present our work, to your fine people.

Pastors Bill Jolly, Dennis Carter, Dr. Larry Brown, Don Good, Gary Ownby, Bill Stedman, Brandon Bruce, Dr. Doug Hawkins, Dr. Tolbert Moore, Dr. Curtis Turner, Darrell Broome, Bob Cato, Juan Rodriguez, Shawn Lawson, Casey Thorton, Mike Long, John Freeman, Dr. Herb Adams, Dr. Larry Pearson, Tracy Duvall, Clay McNeese, Clemon Chappell, and Max Helton. I want to Thank you for giving up some of your pulpit time for me, and to allow me to be a part of your services. Whether it was teaching Sunday School, Preaching, or Singing, it was deeply appreciated.

### Ministry Needs

We have completed the CD for the missionaries. It is now ready. We still owe about \$1800.00 on the project. If you or your church feel like you can help with this, please send the money to the GPA home office, and put on it "CD fund for missionaries." (Billy Sampson) Also, there is a 98' motor home that we have found with 40,000 miles on it that we can get for \$29,000.00 This would allow us to go out West, when we are fully supported, and help missionaries who are here in the U.S. and not have to worry about hotel expense for our family. This would allow us to travel and stay together with the family, and not be a burden to the mission families that have us in. Please pray that God will provide, if it be his will. Until next month, Keep looking up ☺ Your Servant, Billy Sampson