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Grenada & Wales trips for August & September 2008

Greetings to all! Hope you are enjoying your spring. It has been a horrible winter here in Chicago, so all of us here are glad to see the warm weather. We have had a very productive 1st quarter for 2008. As I reported in December we were in the process of doing Christmas concerts to help off-set the cost of our mission trips for 2008. We raised about 12% of the \$15,000.00 we need for our entire family to go to Grenada in August, and Wales in September. Our monthly support will also cover about 20% of the cost of these trips. With rising costs in gas it has been an adjustment for us on how we spend our support dollars. This is why we appreciate the sacrifice of every person who helps us get the Gospel message around the World. We have a list of missionaries we want to help, and more work than we can keep up with. We want to help everyone, but 20 lifetimes wouldn't allow it! No wonder the Lord said the Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few! In these last days, I suppose we all need to take a look at what we do, and ask ourselves, "What can I do to see more people receive Christ as their Saviour?" It may be that extra sacrifice, it may be becoming more faithful to the things of God. Only you as an individual can ask that question. If everyone who is saved would get serious with God, and do what they can do imagine the impact that would be made for Christ. What an awesome blessing God has given to us to be a light in this dark world! We have so many opportunities to support the Gospel not only with our resources, but with our talents as well. Please pray about what God would have to do in service for HIM!

We still need about \$4000.00 for Grenada, and about \$4000.00 for Wales. We have currently raised about \$7000.00 that is being held at our mission board. If you can help us this year, you can send the support to The Gospel Preachers Association's address (above right), and say it is for the Sampson mission trips 2008. You can also send it to our home address, and we can send it off to the mission board as well.

We also need to raise about 12 % more of our monthly support. And again let me thank all the churches, and individuals that **FAITHFULLY SENDS** out monthly, and quarterly support. It has become **vitaly important** for our support to come in each month, and without it our work becomes hindered. So again, Thank God for your faithfulness, we can't do what we do without you! We love you all!

JANUARY

January was a restful month for us. After traveling over 15,000 miles from Sept 1-Dec 31, and also flying an additional 5,000 miles it was really a blessing to get some rest. It gave Jane a chance to start feeling better, after such a tough year in 2007 and me a chance to prepare new sermon thoughts, and some much needed rest for my voice, and the girls as well. We had the chance to be in our home church and everything going on there for the month. We had some good family time, as well. One sad note was that Jane's Granny did go home to be with the LORD at the end of January and we had to cut the rest a bit short and travel to West Virginia. I was asked to preach the funeral, and there were over 200 in attendance, and several of them were lost. God really blessed. I had several people talk to me about some issues, and tell me they really got some help from the message. Please continue to pray for Jane's family. Her Mom has lost her husband, and her mom within six months of each other, and then all the stuff last year with Jane was tough for her as well.

FEBRUARY

February had us very busy. We did youth conferences, campmeetings, raised support, recruited young people to go to Grenada, and preached in a church that did not support missions, and praise God they are now working towards wanting to support at least 4 missionaries this year. We were the first. I preached at Gunnings Baptist in Blountville, TN in February, and 2 people gave there heart to the LORD. The one lady that was saved was 71 years old! Her grandson was saved 2 months before that, and he got on fire for the Lord. I was there for the pm service only. In the a.m. service the grandsons mom was saved, and then that evening Granny was saved! As I led her to the LORD I was reminded of God's grace. There is no doubt she has more days behind her than ahead of her, yet God granted her mercy that in that moment of time she would give her heart to Christ! How awesome is that? That 3500 miles was worth it!

MARCH

March was awesome! We did about 4500 miles, and was in South Georgia back to West Virginia, then to Woodstock, Ontario! **MOST IMPORTANT WAS 4 SAVED IN CANADA!** We did a youth conference just before Easter. When I went there I had several sermons prepared to preach, but I had no peace for the 1st couple of nights. I knew what I wanted to preach Saturday, and Easter Sunday, but not Thursday, and Friday night. The youth pastor Pat Stanat, asked me if I would be interested in presenting my testimony a couple of nights. I said sure! I gave my testimony of how I was raised in church, and saved at 12 years old, but allowed the influence of my friends, drugs, and rock music to influence me, instead of letting the Holy Spirit do His work in my life. I shared how that the old preacher from Georgia, Doug Brannon preached a revival at our home church in Chicago in 1985, and how that I got some things right with God during the preaching of that revival. It took me 2 nights to do this, and Praise God He used it greatly! **2 teens were saved Thursday night, 1 saved Friday, 1 saved Saturday night.** The church has been working with the youth for 8 years every Friday night. They have never had the kids coming back on Sunday, and that has been discouraging for them. Well after really challenging the kids we had 25 of them back on Sunday morning. The church has reported to us that they have been coming since the meeting! Praise God!

One more note; I reported about Symerna Baptist in Bridgeview, Illinois back in December. You may remember this is the church we did the street meeting for in August 2007. Four were saved, and the church got into the public school due to the meeting to start a Bible club. **Pastor Casey just reported to me that the 1st child was just saved last week, and this has all stemmed from the meeting we had in August. Hallelujah!** God continues to use our ministry to small churches, and missionaries around the world. It is not possible without your help. As always time and letter space doesn't allow me to tell you all that has happened in the last few months, but God is Awesome, and we are thrilled to be serving Him with you! If you would like to have our family in for a missions conference, revival, Gospel Concert, or need help in building your church through evangelism, please contact us, and allow us to serve you and your church, in one common goal, and that is to win the World for Our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST!

Until the next time keep looking up!

Your Missionaries, Billy, Jane, Emily, Ashley, and Sarah Sampson