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Hello everyone, and greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Much has happened since our report in February. Our family has been in 77 church services since Feb 1. (Today is April 26th) God has allowed us to travel over 18,000 miles since February 1st. We ask you in February to pray that God would watch over us, and he did! We thank the Lord for his provisions! There has also been 5 souls saved in meetings that God has allowed us to be in. We are rejoicing that God is still in the saving business! Aren't you glad that God can't go out of business? Hallelujah!

February's Highlights

February's highlight was the revival at the Carolina Baptist Church in Spartanburg, South Carolina. God allowed us to sing, and preach each night of the revival. Monday night of the revival was very special. The Victorious Valley Girls home was in service with us. Johnny and Susan McGill run the home. The girls began to sing that evening, and God came in and shook us all up! As I began to preach that night to the youth, the altar was packed with young and old alike asking God to give them new commitments to follow the LORD, and to be more like his precious SON! What a great service. We also met Bro. Siegfred Sandoval. He is a national missionary in the Philippines who has planted churches, and is also involved in a Christian school their. He has asked me to come there in January of 2005 to preach in a Bible conference for over 100 Missionaries, and Pastors. This is not including the members of these churches, nor their wives, and children. We need 2 other preachers to go with us on this trip. If I go myself I will be preaching 3 times a day. He has asked me to ask two other pastors to come with me, to split the preaching up, so I can also concentrate on some music for the conference. If you are a preacher, and you are interested in this conference please let me know, and we will certainly pray about who to take with us. We also want to try and raise about \$1,000.00 for some commentaries that we will be able to give as gifts to the pastors. They can not get study materials there like we can here in the States. Please pray about this need, we could sure use the help in getting these materials.

March Highlights

March had us in Texas, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Maryland.

I held a revival at the Kennett Square Missionary Baptist Church, in Pennsylvania from March 22-26. There was a fellow there that night, which had been going through some things, and had been invited numerous times to church. After the message that night I gave the invitation, and no one moved. The Pastor took over the invitation, and I began to pray. When I finished praying I felt led to extend the invitation. The man had raised his hand that he was lost, and I ask every believer to pray that Holy Ghost conviction would grip this persons heart. As we began to pray the man left his seat, and I had the opportunity to lead him to Christ that night. Praise the LORD he was gloriously Saved! Since then I have checked with members of the church, and they are reaching out to him, and encouraging him to attend their church, and grow in the LORD. He has been doing that. Praise the LORD!

April Highlights

April found Jane and I in the land of revival! We were in the country of Wales in the GPA Bible conference, from April 3-8. We were in the country until the 13th preaching in Cardiff, the capital of Wales, and also the mission church, Bethany Baptist Church where missionary Ed Moore is the pastor. I had the opportunity to preach at Bethany on Easter Sunday night. After the choir did an OUTSTANDING JOB on the cantata that evening, I preached out of 1 Corinthians 15 about the wonderful hope of the resurrection. After giving out the Gospel, and telling the people that I wasn't there when Christ rose out of that old tomb, but I was there when He rose up in my heart, as a boy of 12 years old. A man named Raymond came to me, and asked me what he had to do to have Jesus rise in his heart. I had the chance to lead him to Christ that night, and he accepted the LORD Jesus as his Savior! Hallelujah!

The next day, (April 12) Jane and I went to London with Darren and Joann Rogers, to do some sight seeing. I had been there, but it was Jane's first time. As we were touring the city, the tour guide told us of a park there where people would gather to debate anything and everything! Of course I was interested in going into the park to see what they were debating. This decision would change my life forever. As I walked in I heard a man ripping Jesus Christ to shreds! As I listened to him, I quickly realized he was a Muslim. He was denying the incarnation of Christ, the Trinity, and he also said that Christ would be less than perfect, because of his death. As I listened my heart was broken not only for him, but for the 50 to 60 people that was listening. As they paused for a few moments on the debate to pray to "Allah," a young man approached me. He thought I was Jewish so he began to ask me questions on how the Gospel got to the Jews? I began quoting Romans 1:16, and went through John 1:11. When I told him I was not a Jew, but a Christian he began to debate with me on the doctrine of the Trinity, and the inspiration of scripture. Before I knew it I was in a debate with him, and every other Muslim there, who could get a word in. There were probably 40-50 people around us. We debated for well over a ½ hour. Someone asked me later was I nervous? I have to say that I had something come over me like I have never experienced in my life. It was getting a little loud, but I kept my calm, and ask the Lord to bring back the scripture to my mind to help these people. After this large debate, I finally gave my closing thoughts. I quoted Romans 10:9-10 to him, and then gave him Romans 10:13, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved!" I told him that he did not understand the Love of God! I said that while Mohammed tells us in the Koran to love one another in one breath, he says also that anyone who rejects Islam should be killed! I told him that the Lord Jesus Christ is far different! He has instructed me to love you unconditionally! I gave him the gospel, told him and everyone in the circle that the LORD Jesus loved them, and they didn't have to die and go to Hell! I told him to have a nice day, and that I hoped to see him in Heaven. Needless to say he didn't like that. In fact there was one fellow there who got extremely angry, and clinched his fists, and ask me who I thought I was? I dropped a Gospel Grenade! I left them with the same question that every man must ask themselves. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH JESUS???

Christian, I urge you to Carry the Light!!! We don't have much time left!!! Until next time please pray for the Sampsons. **Billy Sampson**