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Greetings from the frozen tundra called Chicago, and Northwest Indiana! I hope all of you have stayed warm this winter, and like the Sampson's can't wait for warmer weather. It has been horrible weather here in our area this year. A couple of days in January we got to -19 below zero, with a -50 below wind chill. Wow!!! Was that cold! On top of that we had ice and a snow storm that packed 35 inches of snow on top of us. I preached and we sang in a church in Lowell, Indiana that Sunday night. It was so cold as we were bringing in the sound system. But we had a great service that night for the ones who bared the rough weather. But here is the worst part. Today is April 6th it is opening day for the Chicago White Sox and we got **SIX INCHES of SNOW LAST NIGHT!! Another beautiful spring day in Chicago! LOL! Thank the LORD I am in West Virginia this week in revival!**

The Lord has been very good to us though. We only had a couple of meetings booked in January. I did preach a couple of times at our home church in January, and I did an evangelism conference at the Sonrise Baptist church in Gary, Indiana. The meeting was great. People came every night, and really got on fire to want to win souls in 2009. What a great way to start the year.

It was nice to be home a bit. Thank the LORD we got some MUCH NEEDED REST for our voices. It gave me some time to prepare for this year, as we will be extremely busy. I have also had the time finally to really lay our ministry website out for everyone to enjoy, and to help you and our supporting churches keep up with us a bit better with our mission work.

We were on the road for 3 weeks in February, and then back on the road in March to help another missionary pastor in Fort Valley, Georgia. Missionary Chet Cooper is the pastor of Victory Baptist Church there, and he was hosting his 2nd annual campmeeting for his church. Brother Chet was a missionary in Canada for 10 years and took this church that was established in 1850! It was about to close its doors when God gave Pastor Cooper a burden for this work. He decided to approach it as a church plant, and they are now running close to 100 people. This meeting he has is intended to encourage himself and his church. We provided the music only for the week along with Rick Gilly and his family from Decatur, Alabama. The scheduled services were Sunday-Friday 10 am and Sunday-Friday 7 pm. 14 services!!! He sure had us working! By Wednesday morning we had already sang 21 songs! We did 38 songs by the end of the week, with only one repeat! LOL!!! What a great time of fellowship and encouragement for this church. Glad we were part of it! We are thankful God continues to open doors to help mission pastors.

NOTE OF PRAISE!

We want to thank the churches who had us in December. We did 15 Christmas concerts, and we wound up raising almost \$1500.00 for our 2009 mission trips. We are praising the LORD that we have already raised \$3500.00 for our New Mexico trip in June. We still need about \$2000.00 And then we only need to raise about \$6000.00 this year for Wales in September. God is so good!!!!!! **Please pray for these needs.**

WEBSITE

As I mentioned earlier in the letter we FINALLY have our website up and running. It has turned out to be everything I have ever wanted in a website. On the "**Home page,**" is our welcome letter, and a little ticker on the right side of the page that will show you how many people have died since opening the website. It is a great reminder that people are dying every second of the day and many of them are in great need of a Saviour! You can go to any of the other pages from there very easily. We have the **Blue Letter Bible link, and a Christian Apologetic's site** that is awesome! Also on the right side you will see, "**Bible Answers.**" This will allow you to get some great answers on everyday questions that may come up from people you come in contact with everyday. It will lead you to other places on the internet that can get you some real help as you reach people with the gospel! Also you will see the link for "**Worthy News.**" It is a great news resource for Christians, and the things that are interested in. We have also put a button on the home page that will allow you to donate to any of the Sampson's trips online as well. This will be reported to our mission board for accountability purposes.

The "**Contact page,**" will give you the ability to stay in touch with us. Our mission support address is there as well.

The "**About us page,**" has a 2 ½ minute presentation that you can view about our ministry.

The "**Guestbook,**" will allow you to sign in and give us any prayer requests that you might have.

The "**What We Believe page,**" will tell you just that. It is our stand on major doctrinal issues.

The "**Bio page,**" has each member of our family's testimony. And how God called me into the ministry, and mission work.

The "**Calendar page,**" is there for you to know what ministry we are currently working to help.

The "**Sampson Sisters page,**" is our daughter's page with a quarterly devotion for young people that they have developed.

The "**Photo's Page,**" has photo's of past work we have done, and places we have been, plus family photo's

The "**Mission Trips page,**" is there for you to find out what mission trips we are planning for that particular year.

The "**Prayer Letters page,**" has all of our prayer letters since December 2001 for you to download in PDF format.

The “**Links Page**,” is awesome!!! You have to go look at it! We have some awesome places for you to visit on the web! We feel these sites will help you to develop into a stronger Christian. You can get Christian News, study helps, great church websites!

The “**Preaching Audio page**,” is finally up! I have 4 sermons on there right now. There will also be sermons of the month on there by guest preachers. I also have some great links for preachers. Hopefully it will help them sharpen their craft that God has called them into and that is Preaching God’s Word!

The “**Cd’s, MP3, Soundtracks, and Sheet Music pages**,” will allow you to purchase all our music, and soundtracks. It will allow you to do it through pay-pal which is a very secure website. You can also upload any one song for a very small fee to your MP3 player! IPOD, Zune, etc...

We are also making available all of my brother David Sampson’s songs available on printed Sheet Music. This will also be downloadable in a PDF format. We will have a book with all his songs available by Christmas 2009, or again you may purchase them one song at a time on line for your personal use or church choir as they are available. We hope the website will help you keep up with us, and be a blessing to you and your church and family. Please come by and visit as often as you like. If you would like to link our site to your church website, or personal site please feel free to do so.

We are currently on the road preaching revival at Antioch Baptist church in Ona, West Virginia for Pastor Bill Davis. We are also here to share our work with them. They are considering supporting our mission work. Please pray we are a blessing to them this week. We will be on the road for the next 3 weeks. If you go to our calendar page on our site you will see that we are hardly at home all the way through November. **Please pray for us in this way; Health, Safety, Power in Preaching and Singing, Family Time, and Finances. Thank you so much!**

TRANSPORTATION

After the meeting in Macon, Georgia I mentioned earlier in the letter I was on my way to preach in Walkerton, Indiana at a new church we had never been to before. I was on the north side of Atlanta with 12 hours to go on the trip when the engine in our white Dodge van blew up! I was stranded most of the day. My brother was 80 miles north of me and brought one of his 15 passenger church vans down for me to use. Thank you Parkway Baptist in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga! You all have been a real blessing! I got us home, and then got on the road the following week. I had to get the van back to my brother’s church, and also we were to record the vocals on our first CD as a family.

Well we got down there and my friend, Mark Garner in Maryville, Tennessee got me the van I needed. He found a 1994 Chevy conversion van with 113,000 miles on it for \$2700.00. God provided the money, and praise God we bought it and it is paid for! Pray that it lasts us at least 100,000 miles, or about 2 ½ years. Thank you for those who helped us. I preached a revival for a supporting church in Indiana, and they really helped us with the need. Thanks to Brother John Hurt and the folks at 29th Ave. Baptist church for helping us get on the road. By the way we had a great revival there. The altars were packed every night. I know for sure one pastor who was there every night, who had told me he was quitting the ministry! But he told me that God used the sermons the LORD gave me to help him refocus on the call of GOD in his life. Please pray for this man of GOD!

THE SAMPSONS NEW CD “THERE IS A REMEDY” WILL BE OUT JUNE 1, 2009

We are so excited about our 1st ever CD project that will have the entire family on one CD! We have had hundreds of requests over the years for our family to do a music CD together. Our new project, “There is a Remedy,” will be ready by June 1, 2009 with 16 songs it. We have about 7 songs that have been requested over the last couple of years on it, and then 9 new songs that we have learned and prepared to start singing in June. The CD is finished, we are just waiting on the final mastering of the project, and we will be doing our photo shoot during Easter for the new cover. When that is finished it will be ready. Please go to www.BillySampsonMinistries.com for more details. Thanks!

MISSION TRIPS FOR 2009 NEW MEXICO AND WALES

We will be going to New Mexico and taking 35 people with us June 20-29, 2009 to work on the Jicarilla (Hick-or-ia) Indian reservation. We still need to raise about \$2000.00 dollars for this trip.

Then on August 27-September 11, 2009 we will be helping missionary Darren Rogers and the Bethany Baptist church in South Wales. We are very excited to be taking the Mike Speck Trio with us. Mike will be helping 4 or 5 mission churches with choir clinics, and doing the music with us during a 5 day Bible conference. My brother David and I will be preaching. We need to raise about \$6000.00 for my family to go. Please pray for these needs, and visit our mission trips page at www.BillySampsonMinistries.com for more details. We love all of you. We can’t do this without you, so thank you for your support, prayers, and just being there for our family. I thank my God upon EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU!!! Until next time keep looking up, and PLEASE keep occupying until He comes to get us all...HE’S Coming Back! Hallelujah!!!!

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