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Purchase Property Near Tingo Maria ... Thankful For Support And Prayers ... Please Pray For Maria Pena ...

Dear Friends,

January 1, 2007

Anita and I hope that everyone had a joyous holiday season blessed by God with the presence of family and loved ones. Every year during the month of December, Anita prepares meals and food baskets for the poorer families of our churches here in Huanuco and we always do something for the children. Christmas day was spent with Jayson and Andrea Minix. We had a great time of fellowship with them during the day. New years Eve I preached to the folks at

Central Baptist Church here in Huanuco and many folks responded at the invitation to start the new year off surrendered to serve the Lord faithfully during 2007.

We want to thank the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Titusville, Florida, (Pastor David Humphries), the Bryan Station Baptist Church of Lexington, Kentucky, (Pastor Al Gormley), and some friends from Lexington, Kentucky, for their help towards the purchase of the mission property in Quesada. We also thank the Elliot Baptist Church of Elliot, Mississippi, (Pastor Cecil Fayard), the Southside Baptist Church of Winter Haven, Florida, (Pastor Jonathan Turner), and some friends from Tennessee for their help with the purchase of two motorcycles. At present we are helping the Ebenezer Baptist Church in the town of Pucallpa with the purchase of some property for their church. The need to buy property, build buildings and support national workers is a never ending need. But this represents progress in the Lord's work here in Peru. Anita and I count it a privilege to be used by the Lord in His work here in this beautiful but poor and spiritually needy country of Peru. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Speaking of prayers, would you please pray for Maria Pena the wife of one of our national missionaries, Carlos Gonzales. Maria has been diagnosed with cancer of the esophagus and stomach. Carlos has been used of the Lord to start churches in several cities of Peru over the past twenty years. He had just moved all of his belongings to a new town called Oxapampa where he and Maria plan to start a new work. They got the news of her cancer one week after having shipped their things up to the site of the new mission work. Please remember this couple in your prayers and their five children. God is always in control and always knows what is best for His children.

Anita and I will be returning to the States at the end of January to be with our daughter, Leah, who will be giving birth to her first child (our second grandchild). I will also be attending a counseling course the first week of March. We plan to be about seven weeks in all. We are looking forward to seeing our family. Until next month.

Serving Jesus in Peru,
Sheridan and Anita Stanton



Property that was purchased for the Quesada Baptist Mission.



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Brother Creiglow's Report ...

Dear Brethren:

January 1, 2007

The year 2006 has been a good year for Betty and me. Betty's physical health has been pretty good, but her memory problem still continues to decline. She still knows who I am most of the time, and even when she doesn't she will permit me to care for her as if she did know. She can still put on her shoes, and sometimes even gets them on the right feet, and I am able to untie the knots she ties. We are doing just great and looking for the Lord's blessings in 2007.

For several years I have been praying to the Lord for more missionaries and funds to support them. The Lord has called several quality young families to go to the mission field that may be looking

to Baptist Faith Missions for financial support, but at this time BFM does not have these funds. I know the Lord has the funds, but He has not yet told me what my part is in raising these, and I would like to see as many as the Lord called be supported through Baptist Faith Missions.

Almost four years ago when Betty and I became members of First Baptist Church here in Science Hill, Kentucky, the church had not supported Baptist Faith Missions, but soon started with a small offering each month. A couple of years ago we decided to use the Faith Promise plan to raise a Thanksgiving Offering. Although we did not get started in the proper way, we did set a goal of fifteen thousand dollars and raised several thousand dollars that was divided between all the missionaries supported by First Baptist. This past year we did reach our goal of fifteen thousand dollars. Now, I believe that if each church would get some kind of plan and then work and promote the plan, there would be enough funds to support as many missionaries as the Lord would raise up, and also raise the salaries of those we already support, and that raise is long over due. If a small church like First Baptist can do it, I believe all churches can. Please join us in this great work.

In His Name,
Bobby D. Creiglow



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Building Project Almost Complete ... Minister In Women's Prison ... Please Pray For Future Endeavors ...

Dear praying friends,

January 4, 2007

Another month has come and passed so quickly and we thank the Lord for His faithfulness to us both physically and spiritually. We have much to report on for this month, but we wanted to write and wish all of you a very happy New Year and hope you had a good holiday season with your families. This update will share current ministry activities as well as prayer requests.

We praise the Lord that the building project is running smoothly and we hope to have it finished in the near future. The Lord led us to the right building team, all of whom are very dedicated to finishing the project in a professional manner. There have been many challenges, both with getting materials and finding the right builders, but we praise the Lord that He has guided us and we hope to be completely finished with this phase of our building in the next two weeks. Our goal is to use this building for the glory of God and the furtherance of His kingdom. We must first seek His kingdom and His plan for our lives. In Matthew 6:33, the Bible says "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." Our prayer is that we truly would seek His kingdom first, even in this building project. Thank you so much to each who gave so generously to this building so that we could continue the work of God in this prison. You are a big blessing to us.

This past month was a big blessing as my wife and I had the opportunity to minister to the women's prison. As we had reported earlier we were going to provide to each woman prisoner a copy of John and Romans in Swahili, a gospel tract, several hygiene supplies, and toys for each of



Nathan and Carrie with some of the women prisoners they minister to.

the children of the mothers. We are pleased to report that this went very well and the women prisoners were so appreciative as no one had done anything like this in the past. We were able to minister to both their physical and spiritual needs. Our prayer is that many women were saved through this project and that their hunger for the Word of God would grow. I have attached a photo to this prayer letter so that you can see just a sample of what transpired through this special day for the women. Many verses have challenged me in regards to this project, especially Matthew 25:35-40 which says, "For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came to me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, and fed thee? Or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? Or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

These verses have challenged us so much, especially in our responsibility to meet both physical and spiritual needs. We must respond to this challenge and show the love of Christ to all, even those who are incarcerated. Thank you so much for praying for this project and please pray that the Lord would lead us in future projects, both for the men and women prisoners. God bless you. We will write further next month, Lord willing.

In Kenya,
Nathan and Carrie Radford

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Wonderful Holidays With Family ... Thankful For American Heritage ... Fifty-Four Years Old ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters, January 4, 2007
Everything seems strangely quite around our house this afternoon. This morning we took David and Dulce (our third child and his wife) to the airport. They were the last of our family to leave after a wonderful Holiday Season together. For the first time ever we had all of our children, their spouses and our grandchildren together in our home. God has blessed greatly with children and "beautiful children" (the French way of saying "in-law") who are actively serving the Lord in many different places.

We also had my "beautiful sister," Peggy Foster, and my niece, Lisa McGary, with us for several days. Judy decided a couple of months ago that it would be good to have an open house when all of our family was here so that they could meet the neighbors and friends. This we did on Sunday afternoon the week before Christmas. It was an opportunity to once again connect with many of the people for whom we have a burden. Our desire is that they will one day be part of the family of God.

Sunday is my 54th birthday. I don't see how I could possibly be that old. This, along with the beginning of the New Calendar Year, reminds me that time is passing quickly. While it is yet day we must to the will of Him who sent us. During the past year we have seen the believers in our group grow stronger and had a number of visitors. There are unsaved people who come regularly and there are some unsaved people who have stopped coming!

A couple of days ago as I came into the room while Judy was watching President Gerald Ford's funeral, the casket was being born to the melody of "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty." I was moved to tears as I was struck by the wonderful heritage that we have as Americans and how different it is from that of France. Thank you for helping us hold out the Word of Life in a place where there is so much hopelessness.

Two days ago, Judy also received a phone call from one of the ladies who attends services regularly along with her husband. A friend of her son had just committed suicide. She wanted to pray with Judy and needed advice on how to talk to the family and her son about the incident. Neither of this lady's two sons is saved. We hope that this tragedy will awaken Julian and his brother, Clement, to their need of Christ.

May God richly bless you this year and make you spiritually fruitful where you are.

For Christ in France,
John and Judy Hatcher

Brother Dave Parks Writes ...

2006 THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE

We thank the New Hope Baptist Church again for hosting the 52nd Thanksgiving Conference. They do such a hospitable job of welcoming us and taking care of us royally while we are there. WE NEED THE THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE to give us a rallying occasion for our essential Thanksgiving Offering.

The Lord spoke to us through His messengers who preached His Word to us. We heard inspiring messages from Pastors George Sledd, Jonathan Turner, Denny Herndon, Roger Tate, Mark Campbell, Mike Creiglow, Charles Lybrook, Robert Hugaru and Raul Bergerman. All of these brethren both exhorted, challenged, and encouraged us from the Scriptures.

We would always love to see more of our Friends of BFM and supporting churches present in our Conferences. We missed you if you were not there! One of our goals for our mutual mission work is to have each of our supporting churches represented by your pastor and/or other members of your church. There is no better way to stay informed, keep your church updated with the latest reports, and give your interested input into our missions partnership than by attending our Conferences.

We ask each of our supporting churches to encourage your pastor to attend our Conferences, and make it convenient for him to do so by paying his traveling expenses to the Conferences. Your pastor, especially, needs opportunities to rejuvenate himself spiritually by fellowshiping with other pastors and churches and receive the benefit of the preaching and teaching which is the mainstay of our Conferences.

2007 FLORIDA WINTER CONFERENCE

By the time you get this report, the January Winter Conference will also be history. We appreciate so much the Park Ridge Baptist Church and Pastor Danny King for hosting this annual preaching and fellowship event in the greater-Orlando area. We have many faithful servants and supporters of our missionaries in the Florida and southeastern-States area. "God bless you for your hospitality and generous contributions to missions, both year-round and especially by hosting this Conference for us!"

2007 SPRING MISSIONS CONFERENCE: April 15, 16, 17

The Thompson Road Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, invites you to come to the Spring Missions Conference. The dates are April 15, 16, 17.

Mark the dates right now and plan to share that time with us! The theme of our 2007 Conference is: "It's STILL...the GREAT Commission." We will emphasize again that we can't improve on the PURPOSE, PROGRAM, PROCESS, PROSPECTS, PROMISE, POWER, and PERSONAL PRESENCE Jesus Christ has committed to us in THE GREAT COMMISSION.

We'll have more to say about that over the next two months.

2006-2007 THANKSGIVING OFFERING ... STILL GOING!

I just got the report for the December offerings from our faithful Treasurer, Pastor George Sledd. Brother Sledd works daily to receive your offerings, record them, and then send them to me each month to be disbursed according to your directions.

Let me give you an updated report on the current Thanksgiving Offering. Check the Financial Report on page 3 and note that December's Thanksgiving Offering was \$42,635.00. Putting all our Thanksgiving Offerings together from the past three months, that brings us to a Grand-Total-To-Date of \$78,591.38. That is a very good and generous offering. And we thank each of you, our Giving Friends. But, we really need to meet our stated goal of \$85,000.00.

Let me tell you why: one of my responsibilities as Secretary is to prepare a Projected Budget to present to the Directors at our Thanksgiving Conference Business Meeting. Well, when I prepared and presented the 2007 Projected Budget, THERE WAS A PROJECTED DEFICIT OF AROUND \$84,000.00. We always need, expect and depend upon the Thanksgiving Offering to supply that deficit. So, that's why we are asking for AT LEAST an \$85,000.00 Thanksgiving Offering. [Of course, the other option for supplying that deficit is for the MONTHLY GENERAL FUND OFFERINGS also to increase in the upcoming year over the past year.]

In addition to our current General Fund commitments to our missionaries, we are also giving serious consideration to increasing our missions outreach during 2007. And, it is imperative that we have the funds available to us to meet those missions commitments.

So, we're going to do something unprecedented. WE ARE EXTENDING THE THANKSGIVING OFFERING AND ASKING YOU TO GIVE AGAIN. We need to increase our current total by at least 10%. Can you give again at least a small percentage of the offering you have already given? We can all do that in some proportion as the Lord enables you and impresses you.

I know that some of you have given sacrificially already. So, you may not have anything more to give. But, some may have not given anything yet, thinking your offering may have been so small or insignificant it wouldn't make a difference.

Well, the difference you can make is the difference we need right now! We will keep you updated on our continuing progress. GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE, GIVING FRIENDS!



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Offerings Given Set A Record ... Small Items Needed For The Work ... Corrected E-mail Address ...

Dear Brethren, January 12, 2007
Greetings from not so very cold Kentucky. Beverly and I have been enjoying the nice mild winter that we brought up from South America as a special gift to you. No, we didn't have anything to do with the weather. It all belongs to our God. He loves me so much that He has made the days warmer than usual for this time of year.

My last letter told you about our newest missionary, Brother Tito and his wife. Well now let me tell you the next chapter. Just before I left Brazil I made arrangements for them to come from Peru to Cruzeiro do Sul. Brother Antonio from our mission on the border brought them to town. I wanted our church to get to know them personally. Also, Tito's wife had some serious health problems that they could not seem to get taken care of in Peru.

Here are some of the things that our home church did for them. Brother Tito preached and gave his testimony. The church gave him a standing ovation. Our members took this Indian couple into their homes and cared for them for the few weeks that they were there. The church took care of all of Idelia's doctor visits, tests and medicine. When it came time for them to go back up river the church gave them a special offering of over \$500.00 and loaded their boat down with, food, clothing and other household goods. We have taught our church to love missions and missionaries.

I was not surprised to hear from our pastors that our church's regular offerings were a record. Our average tithes and offerings are about \$7,000.00. In December we had over \$18,000.00! I wonder what made those offerings jump up like that???

We now have less than three months left in our furlough and most of our dates are already taken. Nevertheless, if your church would like a visit, we will try to work in a date. Many pastors don't like to invite missionaries for a Wednesday night, but don't be shy. We are not going to look at the size of the crowd.

There are a few small items that we need for our work and would like to purchase before we return to the field. We need a GPS unit which costs \$500.00. This is the time to buy that satellite phone. The phone costs about \$1,000.00 and the annual package of minutes costs \$700.00. Then we would like to buy an engine for year round shallow water use. It costs \$4,500.00. Visit this site to see the motor: www.mudbuddy.com

Time to go south for the winter conference. I hope to see many of you soon.

Several people noticed that my email address was wrong in my last letter. The correct address is: mdcreig@aol.com and Bev's is beverly_creiglow@hotmail.com. While I am on the road you can also reach me at this number: (859) 619-5026 (cell phone).

Beverly and I have really enjoyed the visits with our supporting churches. Thanks to all. God bless all of you and thanks so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. I realize that we don't come to the States that often for furlough to visit you and report directly about the work. Our last term was five and a half years. Still you continue to take care of us. Thanks.

In Christ,
Mike Creiglow



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School Graduates Ten ... God Is Blessing The Work ... Grateful For Prayers And Support ...

Dearest Brethren and Sisters, January 8, 2007

We have had a busy end of the year. Things have been great and far beyond our expectation. We had school graduation. Odali went to Manaus to the children's home there and of course we were getting ready for Christmas. The graduation was great. We had ten to graduate from 8th grade. Odali had a great trip and got to see his father. Christmas as usual is always a surprise. We never know until real close what God will provide for us to have to celebrate with the kids. This year God blew us away! The surprise was much greater than our expectations. We had a list of five different things that could be done. So as churches and friends had asked we gave them our list: shoes, clothes, a swimming pool, girls bathroom (last bathroom that needs doing), and camp. Kathy with tears in her eyes said, "God gave them all!" Yes, God proved that He is always near and faithful even when we don't have the faith of a mustard seed.

We were able to buy all the shoes and clothes, camp was last week, and the tile for the swimming pool is bought along with the tile for the girls' bathroom. The work is on the way. Praise God! Coming to the end of the year, businesses are doing their balances and making plans for the next year, for churches it is a time of fellowship, for families it is a time to hug and forgive, to be forgiven and of course a time to eat a lot. Well, here at the Alpha and Omega Home we are a little of all those things, so we have done a little of each. One thing we want to be very clear is that we have made it this far because of God's GREAT MERCY. We can say with out a doubt, thus far the Lord has helped us. Also, it is only because of people like you whom God has brought our way to partner with us in this ministry, that all this is possible. If we tried to mention all the names of those who have helped we could go on forever and we don't want to leave anyone out. If you receive this letter somehow you will know that we are truly grateful for all your prayers, support, and words of encouragement. We want to thank those who helped by coming here to do all kinds of projects as well as those who sent money for projects. May God give to all of you tremendous blessings!

Kathy and I and the Alpha and Omega family thank you and hope to see you soon. The Lord willing I will be available to visit those who are interested in March and April. If you would like you may contact us by e-mail or by phone. Our e-mail is odali_kathy@hotmail.com and our phone number is 1-812-962-3485.

We will be glad to see you and answer any of your questions about our ministry.

In Christ,
Odali and Kathy Barros

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Looking Back at 2006 and Forward to 2007 ...

Dear Friends,

December 28, 2006

Just a short letter to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

This year we were on furlough for four months and were privileged to be able to attend the Missions Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Shreveport, Louisiana. This helped motivate us to return to Brazil with renewed zeal for the Kingdom work.

As this year ends and we look back on what God has done through us, one of our greatest accomplishments is that we have planted another church in another highly concentrated Catholic town. We have a native pastor for this work and he and his wife are on fire for the Lord. They are averaging twenty people in regular attendance. There have been six people accept Christ as their personal Savior. These six are awaiting baptism and are in regular attendance. The church we planted last year continues to grow and have thirty to thirty-five in regular attendance.

We have a total of six home churches that meet on week nights and we are blessed to say that out of one of these we have had a 25-year-old young man surrender to the ministry. We have been privileged to start two of these home churches this year. In all, about 92 people that don't have conditions to come to the mother church hear the gospel during these weekday meetings. We have also built a building where one of these home churches can begin to have services. We have just been over a year getting the electric services to the building and are praying that we will be in the building by January or February.

We are happy to say that the seminary has concluded its third year and still has eleven students that are sticking with it. This is a great accomplishment as our people have a hard time getting to class because of time and money.

We have made great strides with the Vocational School this year. We have two students and they are learning carpentry, key making, block making, framing pictures and general construction skills. We are looking forward to next year hoping to be able to build the dorm so that there will be a place for the students to live. We will be able to have more students with this facility. Besides the labor skills the students are learning evangelism and visitation skills. With the skills they are learning they have built the directors home on the school grounds and a church building for a home church that has outgrown the home where it is meeting.

In the past two years we have given Bibles to over 1,000 new converts and are looking forward to many more years of the same. Just know that we are here doing these things ONLY because people like you care enough to support us through your prayers and financing. You will know the results of your giving when we meet in heaven.

Barbara and I are glad to be a part of your lives through our connection of missions. Our year has been a busy one and we have felt sometimes as though we were lagging behind, but we just rely on the Lord for the strength to continue on. We completed forty years of marriage this year and were blessed to be able to go on a much needed vacation, thanks to Atlantic Shores Baptist Church in Virginia Beach.

Again THANK YOU for one more year here on the field serving as missionaries. Don't forget to look at the picture below, our family picture for 2006. Our God is AWESOME!

In His service, A. J. and Barbara



The A. J. Hensley family.

Pray For Work At Altos do Coxipo ... Preacher And Family At New Mission ... Remember Ursula And Karin In Prayer ...

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

January 4, 2007

Another year has flown by and a New Year is upon us. How time flies when you are staying busy and getting older! As we look back we have many blessings to praise the Lord for. Our work here in Central Brazil is steadily growing stronger for the most part. Our young preachers are growing in the faith along with the works. Of course not everything always goes as you would like. The church at Altos do Coxipo is faltering somewhat. We haven't been able to find

a good solid Brazilian preacher to lead the flock. Folks there are discouraged a bit. Pray for this work.

After a year's absence we now have a good preacher and family at the new mission at Primavera do Leste. By faith they are at this present time moving onto the field. We hope to ordain the young preacher at the church in Novo Diamantino by the end of April. He has proved to be faithful and along with his wife is very dedicated in that church to the work. Many have been saved and added to the church there this past year. Our mission at Jardim Fortaleza had some additions this year and is near to being organized into an autonomous church hopefully this year in the fall. Yes, God is blessing in spite of our weaknesses and lack of faith at times. It is so easy just to remember the difficulties. He is faithful.

We ask that you remember Ursula in prayer. Her heart rhythm problem has worsened some and her arthritis is an ever present problem. She does not let it stop her, but sometimes she gets a little discouraged with it. Our daughter, Karin, has just had melanoma cancer removed from her back. She is waiting to get tests run to make sure it hasn't spread. This is very serious. Pray for her.

We want to thank all of you who support the General Fund of Baptist Faith Missions and also our "As Needed" fund which is so vital at this time in helping the works get well established. Also, we thank you who give to our "New Work" funds. We just completed two Sunday School rooms at the Primavera work.

May the Lord bless you all during this year.

Yours in Him, Harold & Ursula Draper



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Happy New Year To All ... Changes In Leadership ... Pray For Former Leader Of CHE ...

Dear Special Friends,

January 2, 2007

Happy New Year! We trust that all of you had a great Christmas and that the new year was a good one for you. Here in Kitale, we may have been dreaming of a white Christmas, but it was sunny and hot. However, we thank our wonderful Lord for the precious gift of His Son, and for allowing us to spend His special day with our family. Nathan and Carrie came over; we exchanged gifts, ate dinner, and then played games and watched TV. So, it was a very wonderful time with our loved ones. We also celebrated the new year with them, so we had a great holiday season.

We celebrated our Lord's birth with some activities before Christmas. On Saturday, December 23rd, we invited the youth in our Bible clubs to our Bethel Church to play volleyball, soccer, and participate in some relays. Over 100 adults and children came from Bethel and Imani Baptist Churches and we finished the day with food and a video for fun. We are still waiting for electricity to be put in Bethel Baptist, as it was wired and has been ready for hookup since September. We have made numerous requests for the electricity to be installed, but we are still waiting. Pam and I have a generator, so we took it to the church, so that we could show the movie. Our goal with the Bible clubs is to encourage the kids to come and compete in Bible drills, answer questions about the lessons they are studying, and to invite their friends to the clubs and to church. So, this was a day of fun and they really enjoyed it.

On Sunday, Christmas Eve, we combined the two churches for a special service. There was much singing and some recited the Christmas story from Luke 2. The choirs from both churches sang, but the biggest blessing was the young men from our Imani Baptist Bible clubs who sang a beautiful Christmas song and the harmony that they had. I preached the message and afterwards we ate dinner on the grounds. Pam and I had bought two goats, which is what our people wanted as they can't afford to buy meat during the year, so Christmas is always a special time each year to eat meat. The goats were eating grass on the Bethel property as we played games with the youth on Saturday and we were eating them on Sunday. Some of the men stayed after the program on Saturday to slaughter the goats and the women came early on Sunday morning to cook the rice, spinach, chapatti, a bread-like substance, and cabbage that went along with the goat. We gave out gifts to each person who came. Many of these gifts were the ones that you gave to us over the years and so they were a blessing to our folks.

Unfortunately, we have had to make some changes in our leadership. Jared, the pastor of our Bethel Church, approached us in October about moving off of the church property and stepping down as pastor. He felt that the older members did not respect him due to his youth, so he wanted someone older to pastor the church. Jared is thirty years old and is married with a daughter, but in this culture a man is not respected until he is at least thirty-five years of age, is married, and has a family. So, this past Sunday, one of our older Bible Institute students who has had previous ministry experience and we have known for quite a long time, was voted in as pastor of Bethel Baptist. Kiruri is in his forties, is married with six children, and has been teaching the adult Sunday School class for almost a year. He also has been a church leader and has been leading the adult choir since we started Bethel Baptist.

Jared is very interested in joining our community development ministry full-time as he has been working with Community Health Evangelism (CHE) as well as pastoring for several months now. Our former leader of CHE has fallen into sin and has a bad testimony in the area due to the nature of his sin. I had met with him several times during the month to discipline him and he had confessed to several sins. However, we discovered that he told me one thing when I was doing discipleship with him, but his actions away from me were not one of a person who had really repented and was indeed sorry for his sins. So, me, along with other church leaders have had to set him aside from ministry for at least six months to continue to discipline him and to watch his testimony. Please help us to pray for this man that he might be restored.

We trust that you had a great holiday season and are looking forward to what God has in store for you in 2007. Lord willing, we are meeting with our church leaders this week to discuss plans for next year. We want to plan more ministries in the communities, do evangelism in the areas around our two churches, start more Bible clubs, and continue to train and disciple those in leadership through our Bible Institute so that our churches will be stronger in the faith. Pam and I hope to develop a stronger relationship with each other and with our Lord as we grow in faith as we study His Word. We are in definite need of His help and wisdom as we face another year and all of its challenges. Please keep sending us e-mails and letters as we love hearing from those that we love and pray for. May our Lord be very close to each of you throughout 2007. We love you and thank you so much for your interest, love, encouragement, and prayers.

Many Blessings,
Mike and Pam



Nathan and Carrie outside the church kitchen waiting to taste the goat that was being grilled for the Christmas Eve service.

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