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Hello Everyone!



Dear Ben,

I feel like someone who has allowed themselves to get out of touch with folks who are very important to them. I feel that way because that is exactly what I have done. I am afraid I have gotten in the habit of looking at all the "things" that I need to do and let the really important parts of life slip away! So I want to take a few minutes of your time to catch you up with what we are doing.



We were in Georgia from the middle of January to the middle of March this year. It seemed when we planned this year's trip that we would have more time for ministry but the days and weeks filled up so very quickly. We were invited into a number of new places but we also missed going to a number of places we usually get to go. If you are receiving this and you are one of the folks we missed seeing this year please forgive us. We are really praying that next year we will meet new friends but also that we will be able to touch base with our old friends as well. I am trying to compile a list of email addresses for our friends in Georgia so we can send out notices well in advance of our trip next year in order to have the calendar a little more organized. If you would like to receive word about our dates for 2010 (January 19, 2010-April 6, 2010) please send me a note and I will put you on the list. We are now booking ministry dates for that time so if you want to schedule something now we are more than open to that.

This year in addition to the ministry we were given the opportunity to work at the campground, Lake Pines Campground and event Center, in Columbus. Kenny and Connie McCutcheon are some of the finest folks we have ever met and working for them was a real blessing. Unfortunately I found that with the ministry and my responsibilities in caring for my Mom's affairs and our affairs and the ministry office work I was a little more than overextended! So we have decided that we can't try to do that again next year. It would not be fair to us or Kenny and Connie. We will stay there however and enjoy being with all the great folks who do work there.

One of the blessings of the ministry again this year was another dinner theater. It was a rousing

success. We had our great catfish dinner, the music of the Solid Rock Quartet (there were 6 of them in the quartet!) and a visit from Martha and Eve. I think we all had a great time and we are already planning for next year.

On the 11th of March we flew out to take our second cruise in the Middle East. This year we traveled to Egypt, Israel, Turkey and Greece. I was scheduled to do ministry three times while we were in Turkey. Unfortunately only one of those times actually came about. Between time constraints and dealing with government constraints I was only able to do Mrs. Noah on board the ship. That was great fun though because, as you can imagine, she was impressed with the big cruise ship. There were windows and no animals! I think maybe we will stay on this side of the ocean for a while now.

There have been some changes that have taken place in the way the ministry costs are handled. These changes have been brought on by the current economy and the need to help folks understand what it costs us to do the ministry. We have been instructed by our board of directors to have a set fee that we charge on the occasions when a group does not want to take up a love offering for the support of the ministry. We still charge just expenses and the amount of the love offering for those groups who feel comfortable with taking up the offering. It has been our experience that most groups are more than willing and anxious to support our work after they see what it is that God does through the portrayals. We pray that God enables us to continue to do this ministry for many years yet but we must have enough income to the ministry to pay our salary as well as pay the expenses involved in doing ministry.

We want to thank all of you who support us on an ongoing regular basis. We would ask that as your churches consider their mission budgets that you pray about whether you might want to support us in our work. We are grateful for any gift no matter how big or small it might be.

I want to let you all know that all 6 of our tapes are now available on DVD. We will not be ordering any more VHS tapes so when the supply we have is gone only DVDs will be available. We have also reduced the price of the VHS tapes to \$10 and the DVDs are \$15. If you want any tapes you can order them through the website or contact me directly. You may pay with credit or debit card at the website and check or credit card through me.

Remember to keep up to date on what is happening with the ministry at our website. I am doing well at keeping the calendar up (if we are in your area please come to see us!) and I am determined to begin posting a note on our blog every week. Also you may post comments and messages to us through the website. It is interactive much like the facebook site. We also are quite active on facebook. Our cause there is set up to receive donations.

Looking ahead a little we are embarking on a very busy May schedule. In the first 18 days we have 3 days off with two of the days booked with two programs! We always look forward to May as the time we watch spring come everywhere! After we finish the busy ministry time my Mom will go into the hospital in State College for a total knee replacement. She is looking forward to having the job done and beginning a new stage in life without the pain. If all goes well she will have the other one done at some time in the not too distant future.

Then while Mom is recuperating and going through rehab we are going to take two weeks to head for Vermont and some time with our daughter and grandsons. We have not seen the boys since Christmas except for the occasional "Skype" call so you can imagine that we are most anxious to have some quality time with them and Kerry.

Our summer schedule at this time is quite light since this is our first summer without Bible schools so it will be exciting to see how God provides for us. I know that if the ministry times are less while it will be a challenge financially it will be time well used in working around the trailer, in the office, and helping Mom. We talked about the possibility of trying to go to SC for the Aldersgate Celebration of the Holy Spirit, however we must keep in mind our budget restraints and pray over things before we commit to doing them.

Well it would seem that you have just received a very lengthy letter from me and I only hope and pray that you have enjoyed the news from us. Please feel free to email us and let us know how you are doing. I try very hard to keep up with emails so I would try to write back as I hear from you.



May you be blessed as you walk with our Lord!

Love and Blessings

Jim and Luella

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