

NEWSLETTER
JANUARY 2012

HAPPY NEW YEAR! At the beginning of a New Year we can have a new beginning. Even though it was not at the beginning of a new year, the following words written by the Apostle Paul are very appropriate, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14). We all enjoyed rich blessings from God during the past year, and we all made our share of mistakes in 2011. We can rejoice in the blessings but we must remember that we cannot live on past blessings. We can forget the failures and leave them in the past. We can accept the challenge the great Apostle gave and "press forward" into this coming year with anticipation of even greater opportunities, challenges, and blessings. Let us determine that in 2012 we are going to do more than ever before to send the message of salvation around the world. There are multiplied millions who are still in the darkness of sin and false religion and they need to hear the truth of the Gospel that God loves them, Jesus died for them, and that He lives and is able to save them from their sins.

Brian and Jodell Powers have resigned as WBF Missionaries. Brian has accepted the position as Associate Pastor of the Temple Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, TX which is their home church. He will continue teaching some missions classes at Arlington Baptist College but will no longer be on missionary status. Please pray for Brian and Jodell as they begin this new ministry and new phase in their lives.

Rick & Jackie Washburn have returned to the work in Colombia after a short four-month furlough. Pray for them as they continue in the work in which they have been so faithful through the years. Their new mission is going great and they are enjoying the new building and growing month by month.

Our missionaries in Mexico need our ongoing prayers for their protection as they labor in that needy country. The drug related violence continues and although missionaries are not necessarily targeted by the cartels, they are in areas where they are many times in danger. They need our prayers for safety and boldness to continue to proclaim the Gospel.

Please continue to uphold in prayer the following missionaries who have ongoing physical needs: Sandy & Gary Janky, Juanita Bowen, Betty Hawkins, Dale Brown, Debi Harris, Mary Gagnon, Monnie Bacon, Gloria Higgins, Joy Chapman, Abigail Mitchell, Leila Yelle, Dana McCutchen, Billy & Linda Carruth, Charlene Neill, Mike Lane.

The Lord blessed us with a very good year in 2011 in total offerings and we realize it is because God's people were faithful to pray and to give for the cause of missions. "THANK YOU" seems so inadequate to express to you just how much we here at the Mission Office and our missionaries around the world appreciate your love, prayers, and faithful giving. Until we can come up with a more meaningful statement, we say, "THANK YOU".