

CANNON PRAYER LETTER

DECEMBER 2008

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters:

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." As we celebrate this Christmas season, with all of it's challenges, may we remember to share this greatest of all gifts with those who have never received Jesus as their Savior.

People that we have talked to here say that they are cutting back on their material giving this Christmas. What a time to stress the real meaning of Christmas. We are praying for opportunities to reach those this Christmas that have never heard why Jesus came to earth. Please be praying as Joe holds his weekly Bible study in the nursing home to some precious saints of God and to others who are hearing the Gospel for the first time. These precious folks may be hearing the word of God for the last time. Your prayers are also needed as Carolyn works with her Sunday school class on their Christmas program. We are asking our Lord for all of the children's parents and grand parents to attend, hear the Christmas story in song and sermon, and be saved. Be praying for our visitation during these cold months. We need our Lord to warm people's hearts to hear and heed His word.

Looking back on this past year, we can see both disappointments and opportunities. Two of our church people went home to be with our Lord. This gave Joe the opportunity to preach to many lost people. Joe had the privilege to do one other funeral for our next-door neighbor. At that funeral most of the people probably heard the word of God for the first time. Currently, we have a member of our church who has had a stroke and been hospitalized for a long time. This lady has a very large family. Most of her children are not saved, so please pray for them and her "home going" to be with Jesus.

Our hearts are burdened for the teenagers and young couples in our area, as well as our church neighbors. Please pray earnestly for our Lord to open opportunities for us to present the Gospel to them. At the same time, please pray that their hearts will be sensitive to the wooing of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for praying for Joe's health this past year. He visited his doctor in November and was given a "clean bill-of-health." Praise the Lord! The doctor said that even though they had never found the cause of the problem, Joe looks healthy and has gained two pounds.

In these difficult economic times, Carolyn and I are grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for His provision of our needs through you our faithful supporters. Keep looking up; Jesus may come today!

Your missionaries,

Joe and Carolyn

