



December News 2007

Dear Praying Friends,

*But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting (Micah 5:2). And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7).* How many years was the prophecy (Micah 5:2) written before the prophecy's fulfilment (Luke 2:7)? The answer is hundreds of years. Someone has pointed out how amazing it is that though God the Father, in His foreknowledge, could have organized the best accommodation in Bethlehem for Jesus at His birth, He didn't. He allowed Him to become poor that we might become rich (spiritually). And for us God could always provide "the best" for us, but many times His plans are far greater than we consider "the best."

The last month or so has been very busy with Becca and me teaching nearly twenty-five Religious Education classes between us each week. The Lord has also opened some doors with new families at our Continuous Cricket match. The school year is winding up here with lots of last minute things and outreaches. Please pray that the Lord will open doors of witness in these busy few days.

In our last prayer letter we mentioned the possibility of purchasing a church building on a half acre of land. The offer that was accepted was \$860,000.00, but with financial approval. Believe me, before I lived here for 5 years I would not have been able to believe how expensive property is here. As expensive as it is, property will not get any cheaper here. Please help us pray to discern if this is an open door from the Lord. Please pray that God would bring in the monies that are needed for the church property. Please pray for us that we will trust God to bring in the monies that are needed. We have rarely, if ever, asked for additional financial help with any projects, therefore I do not feel as though I am grieving the Lord by asking our supporting churches to pray about helping us with the purchase of this property. Any financial help would be appreciated. If the Lord leads you to help beyond your normal gracious support, please send it to our mission board marked "Gilliams and Townsville church building." Our mission board's address is:

World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions  
P.O. Box 725  
Kings Mountain, NC 28086

What a wonderful time of the year to declare the good news of Christ with a world in search of peace. I pray the Lord will bring your and my way folks who are open to the good news of Christ. He is our hope and salvation.

Love,  
Kelly, Becca, Reese, Bryce and Emmalyn

