

Merry Christmas!

from The Grove Family

Looks like many of you are going to have a white Christmas this year! We are still waiting to see what God will provide here in Kansas City! We're still hoping for a white covering to go along with the cold temperatures! There is something refreshing about a clean covering over the ugly winter brown that makes Christmas more festive. Maybe it is because we are from the North, but the celebration of Christ's birth is not complete unless we have the snow to



represent the reason He came. Just like the rainbow represents God's promise to never again destroy the whole earth by flood, the snow reminds us of His promise in Isaiah 1:18: "...though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow... ."

What a wonderful year 2009 has been! Since we started in the deputation ministry we have presented our burden for New Zealand in 73 churches, in 21 states, covering over 50,000 miles. The Lord has blessed us with very little sickness, very few automobile problems, no auto accidents, and very little bad traveling weather, even in a November trip to Buffalo! This is a testimony to the answered prayers of the hundreds of friends, fellow believers, we have met along the way. All of our meetings have been positive though only 9 of the churches are supporting us at this time. Several churches made it clear before we even visited that they would not be able to support us, but over 50 are still possible supporting churches. We just continue to pray for God's blessing in the lives of the kind and generous folks we have spent time with over the past months.

But most importantly, we have had a remarkably blessed opportunity to be a tool to remind people of the need to share the Gospel. We believe it is more important now than ever before as we "see the end approaching"! It seems that governmental leaders around the world have a list of all the things that are to happen in the end times, and they are checking them off, one by one. Could this be our last year to celebrate the Birth of Christ as we have in the

past? Could you say, as you look back over the past year, that you have no regrets? Let your light shine this Christmas Season!

In His Service,
Mike Grove and Family

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Itinerary: thru March 2009

Jan. 6

Trinity Baptist Church
Kansas City, MO

Jan. 10

Sweet Springs Baptist Church
Huntsville, MO

Jan. 17

Wilson Creek Baptist Church
Brookline, MO

Jan. 24

Bethany Baptist Church
Bethany, MO

Feb. 7

Tri-City Baptist Church
Millbrook, AL

Feb. 14

AM: Bible Baptist Church
Adger, AL

PM: Fannin Rd. Baptist Church
Montgomery, AL

Feb. 21

AM: Central Baptist Church
Dothan, AL

PM: Central Baptist Church
Crawfordville, FL

Feb. 24

Lighthouse Baptist Church
Voldosta, GA

Feb. 28

Marion Independent Baptist Church
Rivesville, WV

March 7

Bible Baptist Church
Wakarusa, IN

March 14

Pear Park Baptist Church
Grand Junction, CO

March 21

Moab Baptist Church
Moab, UT

March 28

Calvary Baptist Church
Bremerton, WA

March 31

Cornerstone Baptist Church
Brush Prairie, WA

April 7

Greater Portland Baptist Church
Portland, OR