THE HEATH'S PRAYER LETTER

April – May – June – July 2009

2 Cor. 8:3b: "...And beyond their power they were willing of themselves"

Dear Prayer Partners,

Our hearts have been blessed to see our churches remain faithful in their missions giving during these difficult financial times. As Paul spoke to the Corinthian Church about the giving of the Churches of Macedonia, he said: "....and beyond their power they were willing of themselves." We have seen the churches that we have held meetings in actually increase their Faith Promise for the new year. Praise the Lord for faith, commitment and perseverance.

During the month of April we were in NC and TN. The meeting in TN saw four new couples taken on for missionary service. In NC, we saw a very small congregation increase their Faith Promise for the new year. They already support several mission works, but the Grace of God moved them to give more.

In May we had a meeting cancel in NC, and the meetings in Kentucky did not materialize, but God still gave us opportunities for ministry. One of the highlights for the month of May was to speak to the graduating class of a Christian School in Western NC. We always cherish the opportunity to challenge young people to "seek ye first the Kingdom of God..."

June began with our home church's Missions Conference. We had four couples going to different parts of the world, Brazil, Guam and Micronesia. Our Church family agreed that this was the best conference that we have had. I closed the conference with the Faith Promise Sunday, and we were a little disappointed that we did not reach the goal. However, over the next couple of weeks, we met and exceeded our goal for the new year!! June was the month for our annual Mission Family Week. What a week!! The Brookhaven Baptist Church in Greensboro, NC hosted our Mission Family this year. It is a small Church, but you would never know it by their hospitality, innovation, and ability to take care of over 125 people!! What a Church!! The preaching and classes were the best that I have participated in. At the end of June I was back in Western TN in meetings. I had the opportunity of speaking to over 30 men on Saturday night.

July was very busy. I was preaching at Roanoke Island Baptist Church, just a short distance from where the first English baby was born in America. Then we went to Sumter, SC and the Open Bible Baptist Church for good meetings and fellowship. From Sumter, it was on to Ambassador Baptist College to speak at the Landmark Conference. What a blessing!! All of the speakers had been in the ministry over 50 years. The Landmark Conference runs in conjunction with Camp Barnabas, which is for young men and young ladies who are serious about serving the Lord. They got to hear from those of us nearing the "Finish Line." These young folks are back at the "Starting Line" and this conference helped them to see that you can reach the potential that God has for you. Then we went to Inman, SC, and Harvest Baptist Church. What a dear group of people.

Yours in His Service,

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