



# ROCK of AGES MINISTRIES

*"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5*

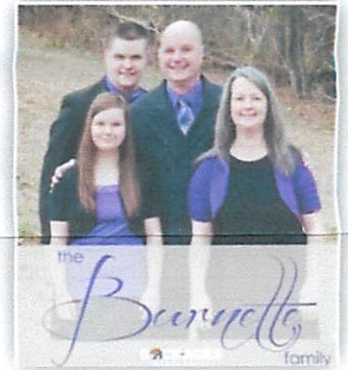
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Dear Praying Friends

As I sit here typing this update, I'm wondering how time goes by so quickly. Just like everyone else these days, we've been extremely busy, but it is a blessing to be busy serving the Lord! He gave His all for us and we owe Him everything.

Over the past twelve months, **The Lord has blessed our family** by allowing us to:  
Be in over 300 church services, 31 of which we'd not been to before and we know of three lost souls that called on the Lord to save them in these services;  
Have 74 opportunities to present/share the missionary work He's placed us in at the Rock of Ages Ministries print shop;  
Be in eight prison services with several co-laborers and volunteers – 148 people called on the Lord for salvation in these services;  
Work in the print shop for 126 days -15 souls were saved through these efforts;  
Travel safely for 48,000 miles and if I have counted correctly, even though we lost about four of our financial supporters, the Lord has given us 16 new financial partners over the past 12 months! We praise the Lord that He has allowed us to raise 67% of the goal we're trying to reach. I don't know how many prayer partners we have, but we are so thankful for each one of you who take the time to pray for us! We believe that this has much to do with the things we've just reported to you, so please continue to pray for our family and this ministry and thank you very much for doing so.



Many souls around the world continue to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in correctional, educational and military facilities and many make the decision to repent of their sin and put their faith in Jesus Christ through this ministry. Most of those who are saved begin to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, through the ministry's Discipleship Institute. Those of you who pray for and support this ministry are a large part of making this happen and we are very thankful to you for making it all possible!

I've heard Bro. Stinnett Ballew emphasize many times that if we would reach this world for Christ it will take: 1. Mighty power (someone must get ahold of God); 2. Manpower (someone must go); and 3. Money power (someone must give). I sure would like to be guilty of all three of these, wouldn't you? "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Philippians 4:17).

The print shop at Rock of Ages Ministries has lost one of the best volunteers we've had since I've been with the ministry. My daughter Ruth has started working full time at a preschool/daycare facility. She continues with her college studies and homework in the evenings, so there's not much time left for other things.

My son Joshua continues to wait for the Lord to open the right door of opportunity. Meanwhile, he continues to be a blessing to everyone at the home office and print shop facilities, volunteering and helping in many ways. I've been trying to help him with some love offerings along the way when possible – he says as long as we keep feeding, clothing and housing him, he will continue to help us all he can until the Lord opens the right door for him. Rena says hello to everyone – most of you know all that a wife and mother does to keep a family going smoothly – well, double that for her. Thank you for your prayers, your love and your financial support for our family and this ministry!

Until Next Time,  
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*Thank You Emmanuel Baptist Church  
for your faithful support for our family!*

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