

## *Knickerbocker prayer letter November and December 2002*

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank the Lord for times of blessing, but we wouldn't know how to react if we didn't have times of trials.

### **Missionary honored!**

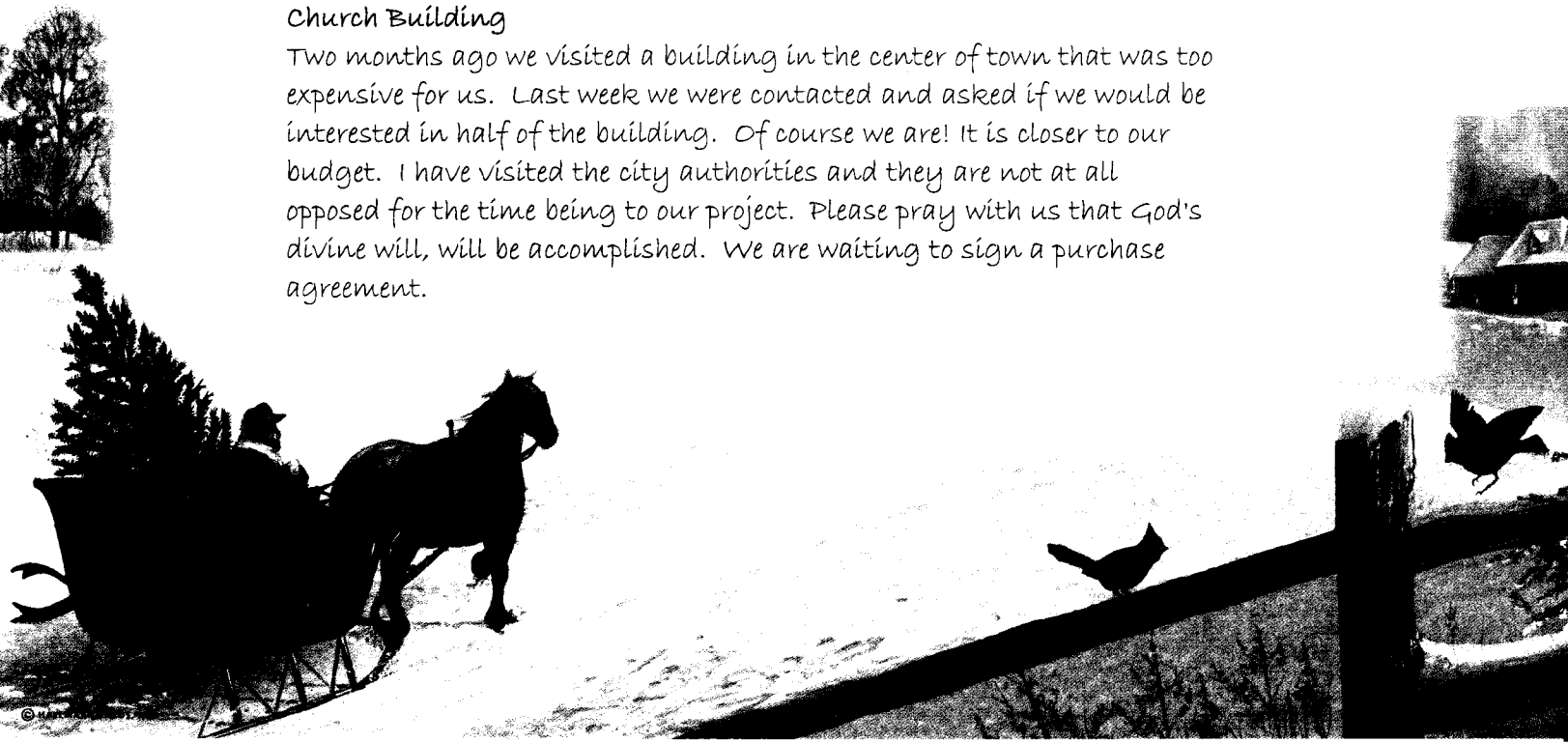
Two weeks ago, a brother in church prayed for the churches that support the Knickerbockers. That was a real blessing to me personally. Last Sunday, one of the families in the church organized a surprise birthday party for my 40th. When we arrived at the house where we were to eat lunch, we started to drink some diet coke and the lady of the house said we invited you over because we wanted to celebrate your birthday and they began singing, as they sang, from the back room came the whole church out from hiding sing as loud as ever. They gave me a nice jogging outfit with shoes to match, a nice bouquet of flowers and all kinds of nice notes. I felt honored, and rejoiced in that the Lord was honored in their obedience to give double honor to the servant of the Lord. Who is more important he who is honored or he who honors?

### **4 Baptized, 70 present!**

Jean-Michel and Pakita along with Stephen and Samuel were baptized on the 13th of October. What a joy it was to proclaim God's free gift to over 30 who had never witnessed an evangelical baptism. I was really blessed by the good representation of all the family and friends that came, 12 from Isabelle's family. The nice thing was the boys were baptized in the same baptismal pool as their mother and in the same church we were married in. Thanks for your prayers.

### **Church Building**

Two months ago we visited a building in the center of town that was too expensive for us. Last week we were contacted and asked if we would be interested in half of the building. Of course we are! It is closer to our budget. I have visited the city authorities and they are not at all opposed for the time being to our project. Please pray with us that God's divine will, will be accomplished. We are waiting to sign a purchase agreement.



### Christmas program

One of our biggest times of public evangelization is upon us with Christmas just around the corner. All the church groups are preparing for this time and the excitement is running high. Please pray that many hearts will be touched.

### New contacts

One of the newly baptized members is an evangelist! Pakita has brought three of her co-workers to church. Please pray that these will understand salvation full and free and accept it by the Holy Spirit's wooing.

### Singspiration

This Sunday will be the first of our singspirations. We have organized these with five other churches in the Paris area. We are looking for a good time of fellowship as all of our churches are small and have very little contact one with the other.

### News from the Family

The boys all have a good testimony in school and are known for their good attitude and example. Isabelle was really tired but with iron supplements she is getting back to her normal self.

### Furlough

Our two-month summer furlough is lining up very well. Please pray that the Lord will provide a mini van or a six-passenger car for the two-month period.

Happy in the service of the KING,

Pete, Isabelle, Stephen, Samuel, Jeremy and Marc Knickerbocker