

THE KNICKERBOCKERS

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Dear friends in Christ,

Faith in Missions!

"Believe ye that I am able to do this?" Is anything too hard for God? Can God save a man from a Buddhist-Catholic back ground and place him in his family? GOD CAN!! Last winter leaving for the Bible School, I dropped of f one of my neighbors, whom I had not met up until that time, off at the train station. He was running late, as his alarm did not go off because of an electrical problem. Little did I know or did he realize that, that meeting was of a Sovereign God who is not willing that any should parish but that all should come to repentance. After that moment T and I spoke several times and one of the first times he asked what I did in life. When I told him I was a pastor he became all the more interested because 14 years earlier during a motorcycle accident he cried out to God who heard him and spared his life for some unknown (to him) reason. The day he cried out to God in faith believing, and God spared him from a 45 ft fall onto the railroad tracks, His Prayer, "God I need you more than my family needs me!" He then passed out in mid air. When he woke up he only had a cut on the back of his head and a firm belief in the existence of God. For 14 years, he has held his believe in God to himself and when he found out that I was of the clergy a voice seemed to tell him that I was the one he was to tell about his belief. Like the eunuch in Acts 8 "How can I, (know God) except some man should guide me?" Last week, I was able to explain more precisely the way of salvation and he says that since that time he is a new man. T has received his first Bible and has been to church once and desires to come all the time. He will be telling his whole family of his new found faith during the month of December for two reasons 1) he and his wife will be on vacation 2) It is much easier to talk about the Lord around the Christian holiday. Pray earnestly for T and his family. This step is not going to be easy.

Blessed Furlough!

A big thanks to every body who made our furlough exceptional. We

visited 30 churches - mostly supporting churches in the 2 1/2 months ranging from Vermont to Florida and Ohio. Praise the Lord for Missionary Assistance Group providing a problem free car. We were not able to visit many whom we desired to visit and many we would have loved to stayed with longer. We will likely renew our summer furlough in 2005 if the Lord is willing.

Life changed!

The young lady that spend a month in Roanoke where she trusted Christ as her Savior has been very faithful to the services, and has shown a real change of life. She and her mother have asked to be baptized together but it will only be after she turns 18 unless the Lord gets a hold of her father's heart. Pray for Mr. B with whom I have a weekly Bible study.

A Dying mother

One of the single mom's who has just made profession of faith is losing her mother to cancer. I have been invited to her hospital bed side once already and will be going to her home this afternoon. Pray for her soul and for wisdom in presenting her the gospel.

A New Family!

The family that a mentioned in our last letter is having many difficulties, the wife is pregnant and having a difficult time and cannot ride in the car to come to church. I am holding a weekly Bible study in their home as well.

Building

The building project is advancing slowly but surely. The notary has our paper work and we are waiting to sign. Once we sign it will be 6 months before we can start the work. We are in the middle of preparing a wedding! One of the young couples in church will be married this Saturday, We are looking forward to giving the gospel to those present.

Family

We are all doing good! The boys are all signed up for basketball and they are enjoying that, Samuel continues to take trumpet lessons and both the older boys continue to play in the church orchestra. Isabelle and I rejoicing to have some fellow labors with us here in the work. Pray for the ABBETT-KNICKERBOCKER TEAM IN ETAMPES.

In his care,

Pete and Isabelle Knickerbocker and young men

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