



Hile Happenings



"Working as a team to build churches that are actively reaching the world."

August/September 2005

Prayer Partners:

Greetings to all of you!

Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"

Rejoice in the Lord always! – We rejoice that "The Fellowship Baptist Church" celebrated its 21st Birthday in August. In SA, a person's 21st Birthday is a huge event as it is a "coming of age," a transition into adulthood and responsibility. As church leaders, we wanted to capitalize on that idea by throwing a B-day party for the church. It was a tremendous weekend of excitement, celebration and rejoicing. It is easy to rejoice at times like this!

In contrast, during the same weekend, one of the churches in our Fellowship had its final service after 22 years of ministry. Our Team recently made a very difficult decision to close the church after much thought, prayer, and labor. As the Team leader, Bobby has been meeting with the church over the course of the last few months talking them through the process. *"Rejoice in the Lord ALWAYS! I will say it again: Rejoice!"* Please **pray** for this situation. **Pray** that our Team would have wisdom in moving forward from here.



Rejoice in the Lord always! – We rejoice that the Holiday Bible Club at Fellowship went very well. We saw 220 kids pass through our doors over the course of the week with several coming to Christ for salvation. We had a "21st Birthday Party" for one of the Puppets at the HBC. We invited the children and their parents to this party at the end of the week. It was a great time of celebrating what God did during the week, as well as a great opportunity to share the Gospel with the parents. Sara played a huge role in the HBC as the Emcee for the week, organizing the decorations and also decorating "Bubba's" cake for the party.

I will say it again: Rejoice! Our children thoroughly enjoyed the HBC program and did a great job participating. At the end of the

week, we offered prizes to children in each of the age groups based on their attendance, Bible memorization, etc. Part of the prize is getting to throw a cream-pie into the face of the leader they choose. This year 3 of the 4 age groups were dominated by Hile children. Abigail, Andrew, and Christopher each won the prize and were able to throw a pie. We rejoice that our children continue to be interested in spiritual things (especially bible memorization).

I will say it again: Rejoice! We began some preliminary ministries in the Ballito area at the end of July with the hopes of initiating a church-planting effort. We started with a Backyard Bible Club that we held at an area school. We were greatly assisted by a high school team from a supporting church, Harvest Baptist Church, Wapakoneta, OH, to help us run the Backyard Bible Club. The team did a great job especially as they saw only 5 children come the first day. However, by the end of the week we averaged 20-25 kids with a total of 40 coming through the program.



We followed-up on the Backyard Bible Club contacts by starting a Wednesday night Bible study. We invited the parents of the kids who came through our club. In addition, we have a couple families attending Fellowship who live in this area. We are praying that these families will greatly assist us in making new contacts. **Pray** that God would cause this work to grow to the point where we can begin Sunday services. **Pray** that God would provide us with a venue to hold the Sunday services. **Pray** that God would give us the creativity and energy to reach this area for Christ.

I will say it again: Rejoice! Please **pray** for us as we continue to be under-supported financially. At the time of this letter, we are currently \$488 per month short. This situation and the weakened dollar have produced a huge financial strain on us. **Pray** that God will continue to provide for us!

We appreciate your prayers on our behalf!!

In Christ,

Bobby + Sara



Prayer Requests:

1. Pray for PBBC situation.
2. Pray for our Team as we move forward.
3. Pray for Bible study in Ballito to grow.
4. Pray for our transition to Ballito.
5. Pray for our children as we transition.
6. Pray for our monthly support shortage.

Praises:

1. FBC's 21- B-day!
2. Salvations at HBC.
3. 40 children came to Ballito Bible club.
4. Spiritual Growth of our own children.
5. Bible Study in Ballito launched!
6. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
7. God's goodness.

Forthcoming Attractions:

August

Grandma Sue arrives for 3-week visit!

September

3 – Youth Leader's Seminar
 5 - Due date for Church Planting Strategy
 16-18 – Speaking at Family Camp
 19-22 - Master Planning Arrow Sessions
 23 – Area-Wide Youth Lip-Sync
 25 – Last Sunday at Fellowship
 26-28 Team Retreat

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