



***Have a Christ Filled Christmas
and a Spirit Led New Year***

Soul Winning with the Sealy's Newsletter

December 2023

The Baby Bonus

*"For unto us a child is
born, unto us a son
is given"*
Isaiah 9:6

*"For unto you is born this
day in the city of David
a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord."*
Luke 2:11

*"Therefore the Lord
himself shall give you a
sign; Behold, a virgin shall
conceive, and bear a son,
and shall call his name
Immanuel."*
Isaiah 7:14

*"Jesus answered and said
unto him, Verily, verily, I
say unto thee, Except a
man be born again,
he cannot see the
kingdom of God."*
John 3:3

The Canada Child Benefit is referred to as a 'Baby Bonus' and means eligible families in Canada with children under six will receive around \$7,500 yearly per child. You could say the child is a bonus because through the child you receive benefits. You are disqualified from receiving this bonus or benefit until there is a birth in your family. You cannot get the child bonus or benefit of heaven until you have been born again.

The Christmas story is a story of a birth. *"For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given."* (Isaiah 9:6) God became flesh. (John 1:14) Why? Because we who are in flesh have been born in sin and disqualified from heaven. We face death and hell, if we die in this state. (Romans 6:23) God is a loving God (John 3:16) and not willing that any should perish. (II Peter 3:9) God entered our world through the birth of a virgin so He could be born sinless and untainted by the sin which came from Adam. (Romans 5:12) He was life and life eternal. (John 14:6) He went beyond life as we know it. He died on a cross to bear the punishment for our sins and entered the grave we all will enter. However, there is one difference. He walked out the other side of that grave, because the work of God's salvation was finished. This was confirmed by hundreds of people. (I Corinthians 15:1-9) He ascended to heaven from where He will soon return. When I by simple faith embrace Christ and what He did I am born into God's family via a spiritual birth. I become an adopted child into an eternal family.

Here is the bonus or the benefits: I am part of God's plan, I am redeemed, I am reconciled to God, I am forgiven of all my sins, I am joined to Christ, I am

free from the law, I am born again, I am regenerated, I am adopted into God's family, I am accepted in Christ, justified, made nigh, delivered from the power of darkness, I have access translated into the kingdom of His dear Son, a heavenly citizen, a partner with Christ to God, I have a heavenly mansion, I am the object of God's tender care.

It might be good to consider unwrapping this priceless gift from God this Christmas. It will be a real Baby Bonus.

Family News



It has been a very busy year for us. I guess you could say we are wearing a little thin, but on the other hand we are healthy and strong. I feel stronger than I have ever felt in my life. Maybe a little bit like Caleb who said at 80 years of age, "Lord give me this mountain."

Theresa has remained healthy. She has a little bit of a sciatic problem that gives her some pain, if she travels long distances. She still comes to special meetings, however, sometimes we need to decide what will work best for her. We have 11 grandchildren. They are the delight of our lives. God continues to meet all our basic needs. Retirement is not in our vocabulary nor our bank accounts. We are really excited about what God has for us in the coming year. Furtherance Ministries is now 25 years old. Praise the Lord! We now begin our 40th year of serving Christ.

Praying Friends and Supporters

I cannot tell you how deeply we appreciate all those who are a part of Furtherance Ministries. I really believe we have one of the strongest support bases of any charitable organization anywhere. There are dear senior citizens who cannot give a penny financially who pray for the ministry constantly. God hears their prayers. I am overwhelmed by the generosity of others who give so faithfully and so sacrificially. When "Thank You" does not seem enough, we say, **"U da Best!"**



**Thank You!
Only one
person will
understand this.**

African Advance

I want to update you on the African Outreach. I trust a brief explanation and the pictures will help you to see what happened there.

As a child, I thought I would always like to go to Africa one day. I imagined that one day I would come face-to-face with a lion. About three years ago, we began to work with Pastor Pyton in Africa. We helped to support him and his family. We then expanded our help to the ministry by providing him with a vehicle, office equipment, etc. We built a chicken coop that housed 150 chickens. As of the beginning of this year Pastor Pyton has planted 9 churches. He extended an invitation for us to come and to see the work firsthand. I was glad for the invitation. I wanted to make sure that those who support Furtherance Ministries were making a good investment. Since the beginning of 2023 we have been putting together plans. Eloise Durling, our Administrative Assistant, has worked feverishly to help put all the details together. We shall be forever indebted to her.

I always thought it would be neat to see someone from the Cree nation go to a foreign mission field to serve the Lord. God led me to Pastor Paul Moses of the Cree Gospel Fellowship in Waskaganish, Quebec. We left our homes on September 5, 2023 for Malawi, Africa. Twenty-two hours later we reached our destination. After a day of rest, we began ministry. We spent the next 10 days training pastors, evangelistic meetings and the presentation of the 'Jesus' video. Hundreds made decision for Christ.

I preached the first night on the cross. At invitation time so many people responded I was concerned someone might fall and get trampled. Our first four days were early morning teaching for pastors. Paul Moses did a tremendous job sharing that slot with me. The people there loved Paul. In the afternoon, there was an evangelistic outreach and at night the 'Jesus' video was shown. Paul also preached the Sunday morning service. Decisions were made for Christ at every service. I never sang one song. The Malawian people sang so beautifully. We visited other areas and visited churches to bring Bibles and books to pastors. We travelled many hours on challenging roads. We visited the Preschool we started back in April. There are about 60 kids under 5 years of age who come at 7:30 in the morning and leave at 3 PM. Until now, we have only been able to feed them one meal a week. The teachers are Godly volunteers who receive no pay. We viewed a piece of land in another area for a possible 10th church.

We returned home with three goals:

1. Possible purchase of land that was viewed when I was there.
2. Feed the children five meals per week instead of one.
3. Purchase four more sewing machines.

I wrote these on a piece of paper intending to ask people to pray about these things. Before I could even send it out all of these three areas were taken care of. Praise the Lord! They are now using the sewing machines, the children are being fed five days a week and the land has been purchased. Lord willing, we will return to Africa in August 2024.

MALAWI, AFRICA MISSION TRIP



Ed Sealy & Paul Moses



Church Planter Pastor Pyton



Pyton, Sealy, Moses



Supplies for Outreach Site



Welcoming Committee



Crowd gathering for message



Hundreds respond to Christ



The Jesus Video on the outside wall



Paul Moses Preaching



Preaching at another Church



Another great crowd



Ed leads Waitress to Christ



Pastors & Wives receiving Bibles



Hannah Preschool – Children do a Program for us



**We provided
4 more Sewing
Machines**



**Ladies are doing
a great
sewing job!**





New Keyboard for Worship



Land for 10th Church Plant



Those who came to see us off at the Airport

HIGHWAYS & HEDGES

I'm sure you've heard the old song "I've Been Everywhere Man." I kind of feel a little bit like that song. Since our last Newsletter, we covered Maine, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Africa. We have conducted our first meeting in Maine since Covid in 2020. It was at Discovery Bible Church in Dover Foxcroft. We have more meetings coming up in Maine at Hilltop Baptist Church, Bradford Baptist Church, and Madawaska Gospel Church. The new year will kick off with meetings at Hillsborough Baptist Church, NB for two weeks and Campobello Beacon of Hope, NB. It looks like another tour of Ontario and Quebec is on the agenda for late spring. August through September 2024 is booked for Africa again. We would greatly appreciate your prayers, as we continue keeping on for Christ.

My rendition of "I've Been Everywhere Man":

*I've been everywhere man
Every church in the land man
I hope you understand man
That I've been everywhere*

*I have preached on Heaven and Hell man
Spoke of the woman at the well man
There's a real deep need to tell man
That's why I've been everywhere*



The Chapel of the Living Water Cornerstone Tent Meetings



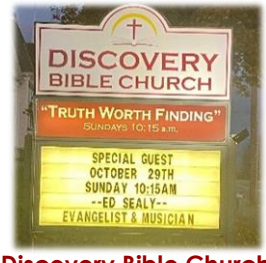
Upper Brighton Baptist Church



Campobello Beacon of Hope Baptism



Faith Bible Baptist Fellowship



Discovery Bible Church



Hillsborough Baptist Church



Port Hawkesbury Baptist



Hilltop Baptist Church



Calvary Baptist Church

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