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DEAR BILL;

THE JONES FAMILY AND ALL THE REST OF THE FAMILY OF GOD THAT MEETS IN FAIRFIELD SENDS GREETINGS TO YOU AND THE FAMILY OF GOD AT BROOKS AVE. I CERTAINLY HOPE THIS FINDS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WELL.

MY WIFE AND I WERE TALKING EARLIER, AND I TOLD HER, “NINE YEARS AND SEVEN HURRICANES LATER, AND WE ARE STILL HERE.”

WITHOUT THE HELP OF CHRISTIANS LIKE YOU, AND ESPECIALLY THE HELP OF GOD, IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE FOR US TO STILL BE IN THE MISSION FIELD OF EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA THIS LONG. WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO GOD FOR YOUR LOVE AND FELLOWSHIP. WE PRAY WE WILL ALWAYS BE FOUND WORTHY OF YOUR CONFIDENCE.

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MY WIFE GOT OVER THE SHINGLES – THEY CAME BACK – AND I THINK SHE IS OVER THEM AGAIN. SHE FELL ON THE BACK PORCH A COUPLE WEEKS AGO ON THE ICE, AND NOW SHE IS RECUPERATING FROM A COUPLE CRACKED RIBS. SHE HAS BEEN IN A LOT OF PAIN, BUT IT HAS DIMINISHED A GREAT DEAL NOW. I TOLD HER, “IF IT WASN’T FOR BAD LUCK, SHE WOULDN’T HAVE ANY LUCK AT ALL.”

PAM HAS BEEN A BIG HELP DURING HER MOTHER’S MISFORTUNE. SHE HAS STEPPED RIGHT IN AND DONE WHATEVER WAS NECESSARY.

SOME OF THE LADIES HERE HAVE HELPED TRESIA DURING THIS TIME ALSO.

THIS PAST MONTH, (DECEMBER), WE GAVE FOOD TO ABOUT 350 FAMILIES , ALMOST 700 INDIVIDUALS.THIS PROGRAM GROWS EVERY MONTH. IN 2004 WE RECEIVED 33000 POUNDS OF FOOD FROM THE FOOD

BANK, FEERAL GOVERNMENT, AND PRIVATE DONATIONS AT A VERY MINIMAL COST, (\$1338.38). WE ARE STARTING TO GET ENROLLMENT CARDS RETURNED WHICH WE PASSED OUT DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FOODS.

I FINALLY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO BACK ON THE AIR WITH "SPEAKING TH E TRUTH IN LOVE." WE WILL BE BACK ON THE AIR SOMETIME IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY. I AM REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS WORK ONCE MORE. WE HAVE GOTTEN A LOT OF POSITIVE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS GIVENS TO ANSWER ON THE AIR.

WE HAD TWO RESTORATION THIS PAST MONTH. ONE OF THESE WAS A YOUNG MAN THAT HAS REALLY HAD A BATTLE WITH DRUGS AND ALCOHOL. FINALLY WITH THE HELP FROM THE JUDGE, HE IS GOING TO GET SOME PROFESSIONAL HELP IN A PROGRAM IN GREENSBORO. HE WILL HAVE TO COME BACK TO HYDE COUNTY AND MAKE A REPORT IN FEBRUARY. PRAY FOR THIS YOUNG MAN, AND REMEMBER, "THERE, BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, GOES ANY ONE OF US."

THIS YOUNG MAN HAS BEEN A REAL HELP SINCE HE'S BEEN HERE. HE'S WORKED IN THE FOOD PROGRAM, HELPED WITH BIBLE STUDIES WITH HIS FAMILY, TRIED TO GET US BACK INTO THE PRISON, (SO FAR WE HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL) HERE IN HYDE COUNTY. WE ARE STILL TRYING TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CONTACT. PLEASE PRAY FOR US.

WE ARE HAVING VISITORS ABOUT EVERY SUNDAY, SEVERAL REPEAT VISITORS.

DIFFERENT ONES IN THE COMMUNITY TALK ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS IN WHICH WE ARE INVOLVED. SOME EVEN COME OVER AND VOLUNTEER TO HELP. THIS GIVES ANOTHER WAY OF MAKING A CONTACT FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST.

OUR CHILDREN GAVE TRESIA AND ME AN ANNIVERSARY PARTY IN NOVEMBER. WE CELEBRATED OUR GOLDEN (50<sup>th</sup>) ANNIVERSARY. THANK GOD FOR WIVES LIKE TRESIA WHO ARE WILLING TO PUT UP WITH HUSBANDS LIKE ME. TRESIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN WILLING TO GO WITH ME ANYWHERE I WANTED TO GO TO PREACH THE GOSPEL. IT HAS BEEN HARD MANY TIMES, BUT NEVER A COMPLAINT FROM HER. THE CHURCH IS VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE PREACHERS' WIVES LIKE HER. ALL OF OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WERE ABLE TO COME HOME AND HELP US CELEBRATE EXCEPT TOM, WHO WAS IN CHINA, AND JENIFER, WHO LIVES IN DAYTON, OH. AND WAS UNABLE TO MAKE THE TRIP.

TRESIA AND PAMELA SEND THEIR LOVE TO ALL AT BROOKS AVE., AS I DO ALSO. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE LOVE TO US HERE IN FAIRFIELD. WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE SUPPORT (BOTH FINANCIAL AND SPIRITUAL) YOU PROVIDE. WE APPRECIATE AND THANK GOD FOR YOU. PLEASE PRAY FOR US AND THE WORK WE ARE TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR YOU AND THE WORK YOU ARE DOING IN RALEIGH.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO COME AND VISIT, YOU WILL BE OUR HONORED GUEST.

IF SOME WOULD LIKE TO COME AND BRING ONE OF THE LESSONS WHILE HERE, WE WOULD CERTAINLY LOOK FORWARD TO THAT.

GOD LOVES YOU, (AND SO DO WE), -GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU – KEEP THE FAITH – PRAY FOR US.

IN HIS SERVICE,  
James S. Jones

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