

The Kimmel Family

Reaching Romania for Christ

March 2007

Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. (Judges 14:3)

Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

When you hear the name Samson, what do you think of? Strength, brawn, power, might? How about long hair or good looks? But what about anger, lust, selfishness, hatred, impulsiveness?

Samson was indeed a great man, but his choices limited his effectiveness for God. How much greater would he have been if only he had been fully surrendered to God in every area of his life. The choices you and I make today are every bit as important as they were for Samson. God has uniquely gifted each one of us that know Him as Savior. The choices we make directly impact our ability to use these gifts to serve Him.

The Road to Romania

We are thrilled to share with you some of the highlights from this month. We ended March having participated in 10 meetings and covering nearly 2000 miles. Praise the Lord for safety and no mechanical difficulties with our vehicles. We are especially grateful for His protection this past Sunday after a full day of meetings.

March began at my parents' church, Lima Baptist Temple. This was our first meeting of the year, so it was nice to be in a familiar place. I had the opportunity to preach in the morning, which was televised the following Sunday. That evening we presented our ministry. Ruth sang a solo, and the girls sang a duet of *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. Ruth has written a second verse that talks about how Jesus loves the children of Romania:

*Jesus loves the little children,
The children of Romania.
Will you help us to go there?
We want to tell them of God's care.
Jesus loves the children of Romania!*

Later that same week, Pastor Jeff Gordon (no, not the NASCAR driver) invited me to participate in a pastor's fellowship meeting hosted by Faith Baptist Church in Kenton, OH. Dr. Brad Quick from First Baptist Elyria gave a mini-seminar on leadership. It was very helpful and will serve as a good resource in the future.

We had a wonderful time during the mission conference at Calvary Baptist in Chillicothe. Initially we were invited to show our presentation, but Pastor Gibson called the week before to invite us to stay for the remainder of the conference. He also arranged for me to speak during the Jr./Sr. High chapel at Fayette Christian School. It was a wonderful time as we fellowshiped with the believers and spent time with our hosts, Dan and Connie Scott. We also got to know fellow BMM missionaries, the Syroteuks (Kenora, Ontario) and the Whittys (Ghana).

One of the most moving times for us was to learn of a man who gave his life to Christ following the morning service on March 25. We had presented our ministry, and I had shared a brief message on the "Real Cost of Following Christ." The pastor had met with Steve on several occasions and knew he was planning to come to church for the first time that morning. Through the heartache of a broken marriage and the testimony of his godly friends, God had been working on this man's heart for some time. We count it a privilege to have had a small part in helping him arrive at the most important decision in his life—receiving Jesus Christ!

Praises

- Steve, who accepted Jesus Christ as Savior! Pray for his spiritual growth and restoration in his marriage.
- As we have just completed 10 meetings this month, God has allowed us to schedule 13 more meetings.
- God provided over \$3000 in love gifts this month.

Prayer Requests

- Amber's umbilical hernia surgery on April 20
- God's leading as churches we have visited consider supporting us
- Becky Gravley's father as he continues to rehabilitate from a staph infection and subsequent cardiac arrest
- New meetings to be scheduled during the spring and summer months
- As God blessed us greatly this month with a full-slate of meetings and generous love gifts, we believe God is leading us to accelerate my transition to full-time deputation.

Thank you for your interest in us and for remembering us in your prayers.

Dave, Ruth, Celeste, and Amber

