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*Dear Friends,*

By the grace of our Lord, we've reached another year! Happy New Year, everyone! We would like to

include a special message for the new beginning. It's entitled, "Recipe for a Happy New Year."

*"Take twelve fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hatred, and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.*

*Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time, as follows:*

*Into each day put twelve parts of **faith**, eleven of **patience**, ten of **courage**, nine of **work** (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of **hope**, seven of **fidelity**, six of **liberality**, five of **kindness**, four of **rest** (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad—don't do it!), three of **prayer**, two of **meditation**, and one well-selected **resolution**. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits, a*

*dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.*

*Pour into the whole love ad lib. And mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat; garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness, and a Happy New Year will be a certainty."*

—H.M.S.

Happy New Year! **Keep runnin' and don't look back!**

May God bless you and yours in the year ahead!

## Look Back At 2007

As we recap the year 2007, it's been an incredible year! We've been able to share the gospel message through various parts of this country as a result of the many blessings of God. We have watched our congregation grow excited about the work of the Lord and unite as we have continued to work towards the purchase of a new church building. Although our building search continues, we are confident that the hour is soon approaching. As you think about us this year, please continue to join us in presenting this prayer request before the throne of God.

Mother Graham and Mother Walton have stood as anchors for the ministry, and both have been precious sources of encouragement!

It has also been a joy to meet more of the Wheeling residents during our door-to-door campaigns. Some have

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expressed a hope in the Lord Jesus Christ! This has added to our delight as we have continued in the work of the Lord in this community.

In addition to watching our members grow spiritually, we have been very excited to watch and hear our son minister to us through the piano. What a joy to see him use this talent for the glory of our Lord! In addition, he has also blessed us as a dynamic speaker for our youth day services. I'm delighted to say that he's a "Chip off the old block!"

It is with sadness that we report the passing of one of the members of the janitorial staff at the school where we hold our services. We miss him! He, along with all the members of the Booth Tarkington School staff, had done an outstanding job in ministering to us in his own unique way every Sunday. The custodians have always been more than willing to help in any way possible to make our Sunday services a success.

As we leave another year behind us, we have found amidst the struggles, the grace of God. Amidst the challenges, we have witnessed God's ability to make a way out of no way for us. We have discovered the awesome comfort that could only be provided by our God during moments of discouragement.

And so we enter this New Year, knowing that there will be new challenges and opportunities for spiritual growth, and we shall go forward in the joy of the Lord!

### *Special Requests:*

- Please pray for this ministry, that 2008 would be a year of spiritual growth and effective outreach. Also pray that this upcoming year might find us in a new place of worship. Your prayers will go a long way towards our success.

- We'd like to extend a special welcome to those who have signed up on our Newsletter list!

### *The Message Behind the Ministry...*

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The *Sunday School Times* reported of a Welsh minister who, beginning his sermon, leaned over the pulpit and said these words with a solemn air: "Friends, I have a question to ask. I cannot answer it. You cannot answer it. If an angel from Heaven were here, *he* could not answer it." Every eye was fixed on the speaker. He proceeded, "The question is this: How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

The message of salvation has pealed across the world like an anthem of freedom and hope for the masses. It has been nearly 2,000 years since Christ first traveled its dusty roads. Yet His message is timeless, offering peace to the oppressed, strength for the weary, and liberty to those in bondage.

Such a message, which proclaims that one can be saved by grace through faith, is so simple and so appealing that one would seem foolish to reject its clear truth. We're not forced to embrace this message, yet the Word of God is true: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" In Romans 1:20, we read, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that *they are without excuse.*"

Don't neglect the gift! Salvation is an offer only available in this lifetime—don't miss out!

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