

December 2007

“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him... they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

Dear Pastor, Church Family and Praying Friends,

Isn't this a wonderful time of year! So many good things going on in our churches and families, let us not forget to spend some time worshipping the One who came for us all those years ago. The wise men gave priority to worshipping the Christ Child, may we also not forget to place Him first during this blessed Christmas season and thank Him for “his unspeakable gift” of salvation. I wonder what gift He would like to receive from each of us this Christmas...

We have been based in Harrisonville, Missouri over the last few months while Cheryl's father was undergoing some medical treatments. It has been a blessing to be closer to her family during this time and also to get better acquainted with some of the people in one of our supporting churches, Grace Baptist Church and Pastor Charles Kaighen. They very graciously have allowed us to park our travel trailer at their church all this time and we appreciate them very much. Cheryl's father is doing well and now has completed the eight weeks of treatment. The next stage is simply waiting to see if the treatments accomplished what they needed to. That most likely won't be a simple thing, so please continue praying for them.

I have been traveling to Texas for several meetings and have enjoyed being in that **BIG** state for the first time on deputation. I am booking several meetings in Texas and will be there for some extended time, shortly. Currently, we have two or three Sundays off from traveling for the holidays and therefore we will be able to be in our home church for their mission conference one week and enjoy some time off the road with family.

I would ask you pray for us and God's direction with our deputation. We have now been traveling and presenting our burden for the Alaskan villages for about one and a half years. Churches have been faithful to help us with our expenses and we greatly appreciate the generosity of God's people in helping to keep our family on the road. Please, also pray for our children and their continued adjustments to deputation. We pray God's blessings to you this Christmas season and for His continued guidance into the New Year!

PRAISES

New Supporting Churches  
Generosity of God's People  
Safety on the Roads/Vehicles

PRAYER CONCERNS

A Full Meeting Schedule for 2008  
Expenses of Traveling/Gas Prices  
God's Direction for the Hub Village of St. Mary's

*In His Service, The Raughton Family*