

Baja Christian Ministries Update and Prayer Letter 12/24/05

Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings in this festive season that is so worthy to be celebrated! We are so grateful to Him for coming into this hostile and hurting planet so desperately needing to be redeemed! We are also thankful to you for your precious partnership and prayers. We couldn't do what we are doing without you nor would we want to. Thank you very much!

We have a pretty full schedule next week 12/26--through year end. Please keep the following groups in your prayers for God's mighty blessing and protection on their lives and possessions:

Dec 26-28	John Houston, Community Covenant Church, El Cajon, CA	3 homes + 3 latrines
Dec 26-29	Fritz Brown and Family, Pasadena, CA	1 home + 1 latrine
Dec 26-Jan 2	Connie Baker and Family, Hamilton, OH	1 home

Pray that the many they minister to will be saved, encouraged, edified, and renewed. Pray that the fullness of joy of God's Presence will rest on all who serve. Two of these groups are families and extended families coming to minister together. The Baker family heard about our ministry through the Jon and Sherri Rivers Show on KLOVE Radio when they were helping us promote the Baja Blast 1000. Pray that even more families as well as church families will be added to build homes, evangelize, and serve the poor with us in 2006.

We have a friend and donor who is sending \$4000 to finance an open air Christmas Fiesta in one of the poor communities after the holiday on Saturday January 14th. We will have music and barbequed carne asada and all the fixing as well. To enhance this we will need some of you to also bring toys, food, and blankets to give away. It's just a one day trip. Meet at the border at 8:00 and back through the border by 5:00. We need your help--"hands on" and your prayers that this outreach will also reach into the hearts of hundreds with the love of Jesus Christ! Please email me at: bajachrist@aol.com, if you, your family, or a group from your church can join us.

As we press into 2006 we are looking to our Lord for our most effective year of ministry yet. But even more so, we ask our Lord to draw our hearts even closer to Him. I've enclosed a poem I finished this morning entitled, "Draw Our Hearts Nearer To You". I hope it serves as an encouragement to you! Thanks for your precious prayers, support, and encouragement. May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and 2006 your best year yet!

With Gratitude, Bob Sanders--poem follows--->

Draw Our Hearts Nearer to You

(Rom 2:4, Luke 10:42, 1Tim 2:8, 1Cor 13:12, Jude 20-21, Isa 28:12, Jer 29:11, Luke 17:21)

Lord, draw our hearts nearer to You
Woo us...even when our carnal natures refuse to
Dissolve the fleshly resistance
through Your kindness that leads to repentance

When the enemy presses hard to keep us away
Gracious Lord, inspire us to gladly pray-

Meditating, Praising, and Worshipping You
Overcoming and breaking through
Pursuing that One Needful Thing
Spending vital time with You, Holy King
Resigned humbly at Your feet
Lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting
For though our spiritual nature is growing
our natural man is still dimmed to the mystery
It peers through that temporal dark glass into eternity
It doesn't clearly see...
Your Beauty, Glory, and Majesty
and the joy and ecstasy You long to bring
Train me to gladly submit
to praying in Your Holy Spirit
Anchor me joyfully in this disciplined habit
For with such promise as this--
that substantiates edification from above
that builds up holy faith and keeps us in Your love
and generates repose, refreshment, and rest
to overtake our weariness
when motivation and resilience wears thin
when our feet seem to be slipping
and we can't find solid footing
yet in Your faithfulness
You extend endless grace and kindness
even in our unloveliness and resistance
through desert experiences we don't understand
You're with us... closer than a Friend
You keep working in us Your Precious Plan
to bring forth a happy and expected end
You Are Always Good!
I don't want to take Your grace and love for granted
Strengthen my commitment to our covenant
Focus me to gladly press in to Your Kingdom within
and draw my heart near to you!

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