



January 2007

Dear Friends:

After a particularly warm December and early January, the weather has finally begun to turn cold here in Maine. But even as the weather outside turns chilly, ministry activity has begun to heat up.

We are adding many new volunteers to the ministry. After a search for replacement volunteers for a long-dormant study at Mountain View in Charleston, we have two volunteers in the final approval stages there. In addition, two new volunteers are trained for Long Creek in South Portland. They will serve in a unit where we've not previously provided a study. And finally, volunteers are trained and awaiting background checks at Stepping Stones in Houlton. We hope to begin each of these studies in the next few weeks.

More volunteers are needed to serve at Good Will Hinckley. As a temporary measure, we have combined a boys' and girls' study, but, in the future, would prefer to hold separate studies as volunteer staffing allows. We would also like to add a study to the girls' unit at Long Creek when trained volunteers become available.

I love watching God at work in the lives of those touched by the ministry. Volunteers hear about this ministry through one of our presentations or a bulletin insert and feel God's clear calling to join us. They are excited and often a bit anxious about joining the ministry. But as they begin ministering, they are excited to see those that attend their study hear and respond to the Gospel. Many have led a person to Christ for the first time in their Christian walk.

I also love to see the response of the young people we serve. All hear the Gospel, and many have accepted Jesus through this ministry. Some have become serious in their faith and desire to grow in their relationship with God. Some are reaching out to other youth and encouraging them to become involved in Bible studies and chapel.

One young man is being released soon and asked me to help him locate a suitable church for him to attend. I have been able to contact several pastors that I know that are near his home area for their help.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers. I have provided prayer requests on an enclosed sheet. And thanks so much to those of you that provide us with your prayer and financial support. We are truly blessed by your involvement.

In Christ,

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Praise and Prayer Requests

Ministry

- Praise for the successful training of two volunteers for Stepping Stones in Houlton.
- Please pray for Kim & Sophia as they soon begin weekly studies at Stepping Stones.
- Praise for strong financial support in December for the Maine ministry.
- Please pray for Mark and Wayne to move quickly through background checks and volunteer training at Long Creek and soon begin serving there.
- Praise for encouraging results for Sylvia who is mentoring a girl at Long Creek. Her regular progress reports are encouraging.
- Please pray for two additional volunteer leaders for Good Will Hinckley.
- Please pray for volunteers for open positions in facilities we currently serve.
- Please pray for additional open facilities and volunteers to staff them.

Personal

- Praise for a great Christmas in NH with our son Matt, daughter-in-law Danielle, grandson Keagan and granddaughter Caydence.
- Please pray for a healthy delivery for our newest granddaughter. She is due to be born to our daughter-in-law Melissa and son Mike in Texas on January 25, 2007 - the day I am completing this letter.
- Prayer for a great visit in February to Texas with our son Mike, daughter-in-law Melissa, granddaughter Maddie and newest grand-daughter.
- **Late breaking news for Texas** - The doctor was wrong - it wasn't a girl. We have a new grandson named Mitchell Carsan Hatch. He arrived on January 25. He was 8 lb. 2 oz. And 19 inches long. All are doing well. (His middle name - Carsan - is a tribute to his two grandmothers - Carol and Sandy.)

Financial Report (Fiscal Year is Apr to Mar)

	<u>Dec '06</u>		<u>9 Mo. Year-To-Date</u>	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Receipts	\$8,388	\$6,333	\$68,582	\$56,997
Expenses	\$6,521	\$6,333	\$61,739	\$56,997