



## Helping, Encouraging, And Refreshing, Together

Coming alongside the Pastor, his family, and the local church to assist in areas of encouragement, evangelism and education.

### Monthly Update, July 2008

**HELPING** get the gospel out on a daily basis continued to be a focus this past quarter (April – June). In our Jerusalem, several independent Baptist churches have been helped, working the following zip codes: 44102, 44109, 44111, 44135. In regions beyond, we have canvassed multiple developments in Maple Hts., Willoughby Hills, Seven Hills, Parma, Broadview Hts., N. Royalton, Medina, Kent, Westlake, Avon and Avon Lake. Thanks be to God for His grace and protection as we work, and for provision of tracts to distribute. Special thanks goes to Pastor Jim Siekbert (Chippewa Lake Baptist Church), who is a blessing to many churches by supplying John/Romans for us.

**ENCOURAGING** others in practical ways is always a priority. Through the week the Lord opens up many opportunities to encourage those with hardships. We see the Lord's hand and timing continually as visits are made. Ladies from the teams consistently visit, disciple, provide meals or clean a home. They also supply Bible studies and inspirational reading material. (Galatians 6:10)

**AND REFRESHING** many we could not physically reach through FREE materials on our web site. The study of God's Word is refreshing! In January, we had a total of 60 visits to the site *for the month*. For the last three weeks, we have averaged 28 visits *per day*, from more than 25 different countries. We received an e-mail last week from a lady in Zimbabwe who has enjoyed doing our Bible courses, particularly Old Testament Character Studies I (OT-I). We were pleased to be able to tell her that OT-II will be available on the web very soon, and we are now working on OT-III. (II Timothy 2:15)

**TOGETHER!** Twenty different churches were represented in either being helped or helping

others this past quarter. The latest example was Saturday, June 28, when representatives came from independent Baptist churches in Painesville, Broadview Heights, Brooklyn, West Akron and Lakewood to help with a visitation blitz at Faith Community Baptist Church in Garfield Heights (Pastor Paul Rowe). (Psalms 34:3)

**PRAISE** – God protects us in amazing ways. Our LeSabre lost it's brakes while Diana was out on visitation in Garfield for the blitz. Thankfully, she and her partner were on a residential side street when it happened, and I (and my partners) were nearby with our other car. Diana called me, and I was able to get the LeSabre to our mechanic's home, while she took my car and drove our partners home. All our brake lines needed to be replaced, as well as our pads and rotors. We praise God for Kevin Grimm, a good Christian car mechanic who so faithfully labors to keep our cars on the road! (Nahum 1:7)

**PRAYER REQUESTS** – Deanna Butler, step mom of Pastor Jim Butler (Amazing Grace Baptist Church in Millersburg), was in the hospital for a month receiving treatment for leukemia. Just as she was ready to be discharged, Dr. Roy Thompson found out that his leukemia is out of remission, and once again active. He was admitted to the hospital, and has just completed a ten-day course of chemotherapy. He expects to be in the hospital for another three weeks or so. Please pray for both of these individuals and their families as they go through a most difficult time in their lives. Also, our good friend and H.E.A.R.T. team member, John Belardo, just found out that his father has liver cancer. Please lift his family up in prayer, as well. (James 5:16b)

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