



The Wilson Family

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I can hardly believe the end of this year is upon us!

This time of year, I am reminded of the birth of our Savior in fresh ways. Jesus came into this world to save sinners. He was born to die for our sins that we may live to and for Him. Paul told the Thessalonians they were saved, "that they may gain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ." That one phrase is worth a lot of meditation, reflection and self-examination. (See 2 Thessalonians 2:14 and discover the context!)

So, here I sit, reflecting on what God has allowed us to do this year. Teaching in Bogota, Colombia, Brasov, Romania and Meru, Kenya were certainly highlights of this year. Over 500 people were touched through small group leader training, which impacted many different churches. Hopefully, the 2 Timothy 2:2 principle will continue the work till Jesus comes. Currently, two small groups that I teach locally are finishing a study on 1 & 2 Thessalonians. This has been a blessing and challenge to apply the lessons from those two books of Paul's writings.

Future Plans

I am scheduled to launch a Bible Institute in Bogota in January '09. Currently, I have two opportunities to work with small group leaders in February, as well. In March, I am to be in Brasov to teach "Bible Study Methods" for a new Bible Institute there.

In the praying and planning stage are potential trips to Argentina, Ukraine and Liberia. **Opportunities abound!** The potential of the Gospel is limitless. Our responsibility is great. The Lord made that clear when He entrusted us with His mission (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

Your prayerful partnership is having influence. I am so thankful when I am teaching that I can say the prayer team is praying. Remember, we are in a spiritual battle! You are there in spirit with me. I sincerely thank you for your service of prayer on behalf of the ministry. Many times I knew you were praying when hearts softened and changed because of the Gospel or because a disaster was averted on a highway. Because you pray . . . would you share back with me how I can pray for you?

Your financial partnership is desperately needed. I hesitate to say it, but the shortfalls in funding have led me to cancel / delay a marriage and family conference in Ukraine and Argentina this year. Truthfully, funding is not available for my 2009 travels either. Would you please pray? Would you help me expand my contact base for support? Would your church be interested in partnering? No gift is too small; 99% of my current support is from individuals. FROM YOU. Please pray and give as the Lord directs.

I am learning Philippians 4:11-12, but have not arrived! I am thankful I can tent-make but know that I was clearly called for the ministry 15 years ago. I have no greater joy than to teach and train others to discover the truth for themselves. To God be all the glory! Thank you! And, thank God for His indescribable gift every day . . . not just at Christmas!

For the Gospel of God,

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