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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we enter this wonderful Christmas season, let us place the emphasis where it should be and not where the world has placed it. It is the celebration of our Lord's birth and that should be the overriding consideration in all that we do. I believe one of the most meaningful ways to remember the real Reason for the Season is through our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our national goal is set for \$175 million. With that in mind, let me share a few "what ifs": What if:

- Southern Baptists would give as much to the Lottie Moon offering as they spend on their total cost for Christmas gifts?
- Every church would simply raise their Lottie Moon goal by 10% and then meet that goal.
- Every Southern Baptist Sunday School class would set Lottie Moon goals and surpass them.
- Each Southern Baptist could live with an IMB missionary just for a week of exposure to the joys and needs on the field.
- All Southern Baptists would pray daily for missionary efforts and the lost of the world?

Let us not lose sight of the real Reason for the Season and celebrate accordingly. Have a wonderful and joyous Christmas season!!

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The fall semester seems to end earlier each year. Because of this, we will be sending a mission team of 8 to Peru from December 11 through 21. They will be on the Amazon River near Iquitos sharing stories of the Gospel with tribes in small villages. Pray for their safety and wisdom as they go; for the hearts of the people they will be sharing with; and that the money needed will come in on time.

Several of our students will be traveling to Atlanta January 2 through 5 to attend Passion, a national conference for college students headed up by Louie Giglio. Pray that they will be safe and that their hearts would be moved to reach this generation.

The break will give us time to begin fund raising in earnest for our new building. Pray that God will put on the hearts of people who have been impacted by BCM and BSU through the years to provide a new equipping center for us to reach our campus and community.

We took 7 Chinese students to an international retreat at Camp Living Waters. They are asking questions about the Gospel and attending a Bible study we have on Friday afternoons. Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in their hearts and draw them into a relationship with Jesus.

News from Grace Ministries

Thank you so much for helping our families to have a wonderful Thanksgiving. We were able to provide over 20 families with food baskets and 50 holiday snack bags to children. Our families appreciated the kindness extended to them. We also served breakfast and shared the Gospel with seniors at one of our local city recreation centers. The seniors loved the delicious biscuits and gravy served by Chef Robinson. They also got a special treat with music from Tom Grundy, Music Minister at Bellview. It was a great morning of fellowship and study of the Word.

Christmas is just days away! It's not too late to adopt one of our families. Just give us a call, and we will be happy to introduce you to one of our families. Thank you so very much for the families that have been adopted. This year each family will receive a Bible along with the gifts/food baskets. Pray for us as we expect to touch over 200 people in the community this season through multi-housing. We will be ministering at two senior housing units, through two Bible studies at Grace, an after-school program, and to children in our community with Sickle Cell. Over 200 families will receive blankets thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson.

Special thanks to the Youth Dept. at Sale Street for sponsoring our Toy Store. We served 28 families on the first day. YOU ROCK! Bellview, thank you for providing 100 children with caps and gloves. Special thanks to Firestone for your donation. We were able to help host a Christmas luncheon for over 100 seniors at one of our local multi-housing units as well as 12 other families. PPG, thank you for the pickup load of assorted drinks. These drinks will be used at two Sr. breakfasts, 2 after-school programs, and holiday bags for families. Mr. and Mrs. Fails, thank you for the adoption of "N" and her children. Our sister, "N", has been diagnosed with HIV. Your gift provided Thanksgiving food and will provide gifts for Christmas. We began our ministry to "N" just a few months ago with a donation given by another family. Thank you for caring and loving people the way you do, Carey friends. There are so many needs and so many people; but then I remember that this isn't our world and we are not God. We are just called to love Him, share His story,

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and love others. They—the world—will know we are Christians by our love. Over 60 hams/turkeys, a pickup load of assorted drinks, over 200 hats/gloves, over 200 blankets, over 100 bags of candy, beautiful gift baskets, and boxes galore of hot chocolate—through these generous gifts, many will come to know Him by our love. Ten people accepted Christ! We love helping to meet the needs of people, getting to know them, and love them. To hear their professions of faith—well, to God be the Glory! The kindness and love you have shown the community this year has been tremendous. Many have come to accept Christ through this ministry. Praise God for using us to minister to others. To our Women’s Ministry volunteer team: Karen Kirkland, Joanna Robinson, Judy Smith, Paula Taylor, and Dot Hall—many were blessed by your ministry. To Dr. Miles, Lynn, and our Carey pastors and churches, thank you for your prayers and support. I believe God has used us to make a difference in the lives of people. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

PASTORLESS CHURCHES

Boulevard, FBC Cameron, FBC Iowa, New Hope, Sale St., FBC Starks, FBC Westlake, and Woodlawn
 Dr. Don Johnson accepted the pastorate at Magnolia.

December Anniversaries

Rev. Freddie Brown	Mt. Pilgrim	18 yrs.
Naomi Hanberry	Tom Hebert Rd.	23 yrs.
Dr. A. B. Lartigue	Unity	39 yrs.



...These upcoming events

Dec. 23 thru Jan. 3	Carey Office Closed for Christmas holidays
Jan. 3 – 6	January Bible Study – Stories for Life: Parables of the Kingdom in Matthew
Jan. 25 – 26	LBC Evangelism Conference, Istrouma, Baton Rouge
Jan. 29 – 30	Mighty Men of God Conference, Dry Creek



From your Carey Staff



