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"For we are labourers together with God" (I Cor. 3:9)



*Whither We Goest, Thou Goest: By Your Prayers And Financial Support*



**Greetings** to you all and hope each and every one had a very happy holiday and a safe New Year. December has been a bitter, sweet month for us. Amy was able to come down the first of the month and stay a couple of nights with us while at Elkin. We so much enjoyed her visit. She and Sandy visited Joyce for the last time a couple of days before we pulled out. It was hard for Sandy to leave not knowing if she would see her beloved sister again – and she did not. **Joyce** took a turn for the worse about a week before Christmas and they moved her to the Hospice House where **she passed from this life on Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** Both of her children were with her with one on each side holding her hand. We, Amy and Peter Ray also, traveled to North Carolina on Thursday and arrived in time for Sandy to see the body of Joyce before the children had the casket closed. The funeral was Friday and as soon as it was over, we headed on back to Tennessee and Amy and Peter Ray on to their home in WV. On the way to NC, I started getting a sore throat and kept getting worse. It was a miserable trip home. It has settled in my head and chest. I tried to keep it from turning into bronchitis, which I had so much trouble with in 2010, but I think it has. I have been sick now for over two weeks. Monday and Tuesday nights (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>) were my worse time ever: I was congested and sleep apnea (self diagnosed – I have had symptoms for years now) woke me every 5 to 10 minutes.

**Our dear friend and faithful brother in Christ, Bill Crossno passed away 1-5-13** at about 4 p.m. Brian, his youngest son called us about two hours after it happened. Bill was a true encouragement and helped us much over the years. I hope to say more next month. We intended to attend the funeral but was unable (above).

Now for the sweet part of the month of December: Tammy went to the hospital Sunday night around 11:30 on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. After the many hours of labor **Felice Noel was born at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.** Needless to say, Sandy and I are very proud grandparents, and I feel safe in saying that never has there ever been any two prouder sisters than Sher'ril and Samantha. As Sandy often says, "I wish every child was as wanted and loved even a tenth as much as these children are."

**Sandy and I have been getting caught up on doctor's visits since we have been in TN.** I am to have a colonoscopy soon, maybe a CAT scan, and sleep apnea test. Sandy is to see a throat doctor toward the end of January. She may also have to do a stress test soon (as if living with me is not enough stress). On the day she went to the doctor, she was having trouble with some fluttering in her heart so they did an EKG which showed some irregularity. She has been bothered with it several times before. Before we left Elkin, she was sick and ended up going to the emergency room. They did blood work and said her potassium was low. The doctor thought this could be a reason for the fluttering so he told Sandy to increase her orange juice, bananas, etc. which she has and since then hasn't been bothered as much. But when this last blood work came back, her potassium wasn't low, so we don't know for sure what's going on with her. The doctor has decided to wait until she sees the throat doctor before ordering her stress test.

As soon as I get well (and in between doctor visits) we will be helping a small congregation in Mt. Pleasant, TN. And then we go to AZ for the summer to help a small congregation in Mormon country.

**We thank all of you for your continued support.** We solicit your prayers for us and this upcoming new year that we may be able to reach even more with the saving truth of God's word. We pray God's many blessings on each and every one of you.

In His Service,  
Perry & Sandy

**Year's Totals:** 4,387 packets; 11 DVDs; 114 BCCs; 1,793 miles; 4,443 doors.  
**Grand totals:** 21,950 packets; 997 DVDs; 251 BCCs; 9,408 miles; 21,381 doors.