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259 Successful Missions Flown

Have you received the "Gift" that brings true joy this season?

*Ministry
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We have been very busy since our last newsletter to you! Joe Griffin was flown several times back and forth to Little Rock, AK for the treatment of his cancer. We assisted Ms. Anna Gene Norris of Monroeville in attending the wedding of a missionary. Robert Sanders, also of Monroeville, has been flown several times to Little Rock for cancer treatment. Ditty Moore assisted with this trip. We arranged travel for Monroeville First Baptist Church Associate Pastor Glenn Eubanks when his brother had a sudden heart attack in Texas.

Sixteen-year-old Samuel Woosley was flown from Texas to Georgia. Samuel is paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair. Tim Tirey flew Patricia Lozano to Baton Rouge, LA for a connecting flight to Texas for treatment of leukemia. Dorsey McDonald assisted on the flight as we flew 23-month-old Darla Landis of Atmore to the children's hospital in Miami, FL. Darla suffers from brain seizures. Eighty-year-old Mary Stacey, who fell and broke both legs, was flown from Shreveport, LA to Albany, GA for specialized care.

Early one morning, we received an emergency call for Keith Hurly of Pensacola. He had been waiting two years for a lung transplant. God put everything together, and we were able to get Keith to Gainesville, FL about 15 minutes after the organs arrived. Terry Chapman and Tim Tirey flew David Rose, a teenager who was

involved in a 4-wheeler accident, from Louisiana to Oklahoma.

Glenda Lowe of Americus, GA was flown to Houston for cancer treatment. A little 6-year-old girl, Summer Bondurant, was flown to New Orleans for a trip to Houston, TX. Summer was born with a birth defect in her left arm. Phil Allen and his daughter Sarah assisted on this flight. Finally, Terry Chapman and Tommy Lee flew Alice Salmons from Mobile to Cincinnati. She is dying of cancer and wished to be home for her last days.

Ministry Support

Financial gifts this year have been \$22,751 and our expenses have been \$28,667. Thanks for all of you who have given so unselfishly. Please know that 100% of your donations go to making these missions a reality. Together as a team, I know we are making a real difference in people's lives for God's glory.

From the President

When you were growing up, did you ever open up a gift only to find that it really was *not* what you wanted? Maybe as a five-year-old boy, you wanted a Daisy B-B gun, but Dad said, "No!" Maybe as a 10-year-old girl, you wanted your very own lipstick and make-up kit, and Mom said, "No!" At the time, their "no" didn't make any sense and seemed so unfair. I can remember a time when my Dad said, "No!" I was about 17, and had just received my pilot's license. For the life of me, I could not understand why my dad wouldn't let a young kid like me take his twin engine airplane off for the weekend. Knowing what I know now, after some 30-plus years of flying, boy am I glad that my Dad said, "No!" That's the way it is with our heavenly Father. Sometimes He says, "No!" But, when He does, you can be assured that it's for our own good. The Bible says our heavenly Father knows what we need before we even ask. His thoughts and ways are so much higher than ours. So, sometimes His response to our prayer is, "No, you don't need what you're asking for. I have already given you what you need."

The truth is, for most all of us, we really don't need any more gifts under the tree this Christmas. God gave us the ultimate gift **on** the tree. Jesus Christ died on the tree that we might live with God forever...there can be no greater gift. My prayer for all of us is that we find the gift that brings gladness of heart on earth this Christmas. What is this gift? It is **accepting your lot** in life; **being happy in the work** God has given you and doing that **work for the Glory of God**. May you find your gift this year, not under the tree, but in your heart.

Praise be to God, and Merry Christmas!