



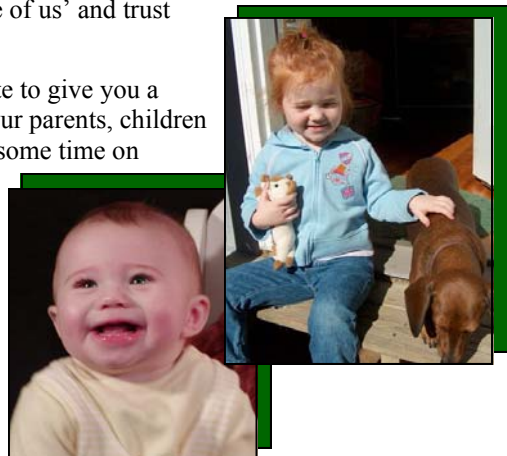
December 6, 2005

Dear Friends and Partners,

We want to offer you a special 'thank you' during this blessed holiday season for your continued prayer and financial support over this past year. Your support has made it possible for us to touch lives this past year in many ways that only God will record! Be assured that anything of eternal value that has been accomplished through *CI* this past year, you have played a significant part and will receive His blessings accordingly. We deeply appreciate your 'remembrance of us' and trust God for your continued support.

Since so much of the Christmas season is also a family time, we thought it appropriate to give you a family update rather than a ministry update! We expect to celebrate Christmas with our parents, children and grandchildren this year. This is the first time we have all been in one location in some time on Christmas day!

We are looking forward to spending time with Joel's children, Julie and Koby. As Joel and Amy can affirm, they are a wonderful handful and we are up to the challenge! Joel will be returning to school in January pursuing an education in web design through Middle Georgia Tech. He is a manager with TJ Max stores and plans on continuing there until he graduates. We are pleased that Joel is finishing school in the near future to further provide for his family and of course we have a terrific time with our grandchildren whenever we get to see them!



Anna is a junior at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach majoring in Physical Education with a minor in Christian Leadership. She is taking 18 hrs. a semester, working 20 hrs. a week in the university's fitness center and is on scholarship as a collegiate athlete. Sometimes we encourage her to 'slow down' but she is motivated and willing! She was voted PBAU's 2005 overall female athlete Rookie of the Year and has been nominated for the universities' Woman of Distinction Award '06 for character, academics and achievements this year. She is involved with her church in West Palm Beach and with other volunteer ministries. God continues to work in her life and we are pleased at how she is responding to the Lord's direction in her life.

Charlie and I have continued to minister through *CI* in prayer retreats, church meetings, men's and couple's conferences. We still live near Paula's parents in an RV and look forward to God providing a place of our own in His timing. Although Paula's health is still fragile, she was able to speak and sing at the recent Couple's Conference with Charlie in Gatlinburg, TN. Her health is a bit stable for now and we believe that it will continue to improve when we are able to locate to a more permanent, safe home environment. Thank you for your continued prayers on our behalf and for the future that God is unfolding in our lives.

Thank you again for your continued support to our family and ministry! ! May you have a wonderful Christmas as you worship the Savior of the world!

Charlie & Paula



Have a Blessed Christmas!

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21



WOULD I?

By Ivalee T. Sims (Paula's mother)
Poem from her new book, *SILVER THREADS*
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*If I had been a shepherd boy on that wonderous starry night,
Would my heart have leapt with joy, or trembled with a dreadful fright?
When a host of angels came to tell of Jesus' birth,
Would I have spread the glorious news to all I knew upon the earth?
Would I?*

*If I had been a neighbor boy to Jesus way back then,
Would we have played together, or would I have quickly shunned Him?
When other boys came out to play, would we point at Him, each one
And ask, "Who is your father? You're not the carpent'r's son."
Would I?*

*If I had been a fisherman in Galilee that day
When Jesus fed the thousands in a most peculiar way,
Would I have laughed and said, "It's only a trick, He's smart?"
Or would I have seen compassion as He looked into their heart?
Would I?*

*If I'd been in Gethsemane when He prayed the whole night through,
Would I have slept as others did, not caring what He knew?
Soon they would come for Him, led by a treacherous hand.
Would I have been like Judas, betray the Son of man?
Would I?*

*If I had been a soldier, would I have lifted sword
To pierce the side of the innocent One, who said He was the Lord?
Would I have held the nails that impaled His feet and hands?
Would I have tried defending Him against the Roman bands?
Would I?*

*When they gambled for His robe, would I have been there then
To decry its worth to all who heard, then throw my money in?
Would I have seen His mother cry for her firstborn Son that day,
Would I have led her from the cross and dried her tears away?
Would I?*

*When they laid Him in the tomb, would I have stood afar
To keep a watch for His escape? The news had traveled far.
Would I have gathered spices to lay around Him there
In that borrowed grave so lonely where no one seemed to care?
Would I?*

*That Sunday morning would I have believed He rose up from the dead,
Would I have been skeptical of the napkin about His head?
Would I have rejoiced at the empty tomb on the first glad Easter day
When the mighty power of God came down and rolled the stone away?
Would I?*

*Would I rejoice this Christmas night if Christ should come again
To earth to claim the ones that love and put their trust in Him?
Would I join the joyful chorus as angel choirs sing?
Would I praise the Lord of Lords and crown Him King of kings?
I would!*



Fred and Ivalee Sims
(and Doolie)
Young Harris, GA

Special thanks to Dad and Mom for
their kindness to us all these years!
We love you!

