

## **GIBM**issions

**December 2006** Report *From* Missionary / Evangelist Robert and Judy Lewis
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## Merry Christmas to all . . . and to all a Happy New Year!

## Dear Pastors and Friends in the Ministry,

After driving over 5,000 miles and preaching in 25 churches, from Michigan to Washington, we did make it home for Thanksgiving. We were well received in the churches, and the Lord protected us on our journey. We enjoyed seeing the altars filled in many of the churches as we emphasized missions and missionary commitments. David Brown afforded me a special opportunity to speak at his well known men's retreat. Chester Thrift, from Deltona, Florida, was the main speaker. There were 178 men present. Six of them were police officers and about thirty were military men. I spoke on the subject of "You and your Pastor" hoping that the men would get a greater vision for holding their pastors up in every situation. We were in missions conferences with Mitch Holmes, Anita, Iowa; Dave Moore, Papillion, Nebraska; T.J. Smith, Albany, Oregon; Geoff Miller, Mt. Vernon, Washington; Dave Brown, Yakima, Washington. In all of these conferences, we showed a power point presentation of the structure, doctrine, and personnel that makes up GIBMissions. There are many churches in America that need pastors. We observed dozens of towns that have no like minded churches at all. The field is certainly ripe unto the harvest! After Thanksgiving Day with our daughter and her family, we took what we thought would be a short trip to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to visit our pastor friend, L. V. Morris. He is the pastor who God used to prepare us to plant a church in Rhode Island 37 years ago. We got snowed in at Tulsa! They actually closed the roads! We stayed a few days longer than we planned, but it was a blessing for us. Although Pastor Morris is not pastoring just now, he continues to be a real source of encouragement to me and just about anyone who knows him. My wife and I are spending December and January at home, in Texas. I do have some meetings in the area, but will not have to be away from home much until February. Recently, while traveling, my son called and told me that there was a young preacher who wanted to talk to me about the GIBF. Amazingly, we were headed for his town on another matter. We were able to meet him for breakfast. We were greatly encouraged to find that he was, in fact, on the same page with us, though he discovered it through his own studies in the Bible. What a blessing to meet another young man on the old path!

Special thanks today, again, for Pastor Jimmy Walker, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Pastor Dave Brown, Yakima, Washington, who raised special offerings for us as we traveled. In addition, many preachers committed funds to help us get some health insurance for Judy. It seems to prove again to us that God supplies our needs when we obey Him. There is no field too far, no task too great, nor burden too heavy for a man armed with the provision of God.

It appears that we will have 2 more missionaries to introduce to the GIBF at the February meeting in National City, California.

We love the Lord, the work he has given us to do, and you. God bless each of you this holiday season with His grace and His joy.

We do need prayers for our health and for the ability to continue to make our financial commitments. With your help, we have been able to do so this far.

I have had no communication with Ronny George in several weeks. It is very bad in his neighborhood. Please remember him in prayer.

Robert Lewis 1 Cor 15:58

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