

# Kentucky District

## Home Missions

### December Update

Praise the Lord, Kentucky!

Here we are in the middle of the holiday season- I trust you're surviving all of the hustle and bustle! Somebody said it's like a race to see which gives out first, our money or our feet! We can laugh at the craziness of the holiday season, but none of us would cancel it if given the choice to do so. In spite of all the busyness, Christmas really is a marvelous time of the year. It's the *only* time of the year when folks open their hearts to others and think more about giving than at any other time! As you give, may you in turn receive many reminders of others thoughts of you, as they express what you mean in their lives!

More than all the gifts, parties and good times with family and friends, Christmas is a time to pause and remember that "*Unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given...*" That is by far the greatest gift any of us will ever receive! Would you consider doing something this Christmas to share this gift with others- with cities in Kentucky that have no truth preaching churches?

As I'm sure you know, your gift to ***Christmas For Christ*** will go to help our Home Missionaries carry God's greatest gift to their cities and towns. We sincerely thank each of you who have given in the past, but we still have 53 counties in Kentucky that have NO churches. Our best hope of reaching them is through Home Missions. With that in mind, Pastors please receive a CFC offering on Sunday, December 20th.

You will be receiving an envelope in the mail from headquarters addressed to Bro. Alan Cundiff, our HM Secretary for your offering, or you may go ahead and mail it to him. Either way, please don't forget us!

This offering is crucial. We have struggled financially for several years. It has hampered our ability to do many things we would like to be able to do for our Home Missionaries. Your gift, large or small will be a blessing. Our only goal for the CFC offering this year is **100% Participation**. We cannot achieve that without you!

If you wish to send a Card, our HM's are, the **Ortens** in Marion, the **Sanders** in Warsaw, the **Seidenfadens** in Bardstown, the **Mackowiaks** in Taylorsville, the **Sturgills** in Paintsville, and joining us on January 1st, the **Browns** in Nicholasville! They would be encouraged by your card or letter this holiday season.

You have already heard from some of our HM's via 'One-Call'- they will all be calling before the offering date. Show your appreciation to them on December 20- *Let's keep Jesus the reason for the season!*

We'll conclude with a letter from the Ortens in Marion-

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Hello:

I hope this Christmas season finds you doing well and experiencing great revival. God has truly been faithful to us in Marion, Kentucky.

August 9 we held our first ever Back to School Bash on Sunday morning. There were 52 in attendance with 23 visitors, 16 of which were first time visitors. We had 4 back packs donated by local businesses which we gave away by way of drawing. Each child in attendance was given a bag of school supplies. During service we had a puppet skit and an illustrated sermon about how important children are to God. We prayed over each of the children that God would watch over them in the coming year. At the end of the service a special Back to School Cake was served to all in attendance.

On October 10 we held our second annual one day Bible School with the theme "Holy Ghost Harvest Hoedown." There were 30 people in attendance. We began the day with Breakfast, followed by ice breakers, then crafts and games. At noon we served lunch. When we gathered back in the sanctuary we had a time of worship and an illustrated sermon by Farmer Phil (aka Pastor

Daniel Orten). We ended the day with a call to each of the children to begin to learn about the importance of prayer and allowing God to work in his or her life.

On October 31 we had our 4th annual Halloween Alternative Party at Harvest House it was a tremendous success. There were at least 70 people in attendance that night. Since that time we have had at least five new bus kids who have started coming to Sunday School.

We have an added blessing which we are thankful to report. Harvest House was able to purchase an existing church located just 6 miles out of town on 3 acres of land. The church is a 35x50 brick building with a full basement where three Sunday School rooms, a kitchen, fellowship hall and 2 bathrooms are located. We were able to get the property for only \$45,000. We were blessed to have had over \$11,000.00 donated toward the purchase price of the church. On November 8 we had our first service in our new church building. This has been a tremendous blessing to us giving us more room to house the children we have in Sunday School.

So far this year we have been averaging 36 people in attendance on Sunday morning. Since the beginning of October we have been averaging 41 in attendance on Sunday morning. This year we have had 126 first time visitors. God has done so much and we are thankful for the harvest we have seen so far. But we know there is much work yet to be done. We can see the white harvest fields and we know we must reach them while there is still time. Continue to pray for revival in Marion, Kentucky.

God Bless,

Home Missionary To Marion Ky  
Pastor Daniel Orten  
Harvest House

God bless you!

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KY District HM Director