

Dear Faithful Friends at Hill Street,

I can hardly believe that this is the last update for 2006!! Where has this year gone?! It is the end of a year for us all, but the end of an era for you, as you move out of the building there on Hill Street. We feel a bit sad that we will not see the present building again -- so many happy memories were made there. However, we rejoice with you that things are beginning to materialize for the larger premises that you need so much. We hope someday to worship with you in the new church building.

All around us we see evidence of the Christmas season, but there is little to remind us that we are celebrating the birth of the Saviour, Christ the Lord. May those of us who know Him be faithful to proclaim the "good tidings of great joy" to a sad and dark world!

Since sending our prayer letter, these have been busy days. For three weeks I did double duty -- office and home. After Bill's stitches were removed on the 6th, the doctor said he could drive! So we went straight to the office for the afternoon. Since then he has been at the office as usual, though operating in "slow motion". However, after 2 weeks there were some complications, when the incision opened in 2 places. For 3 weeks I drove him to the entrance of the office building, parked the car a couple of blocks away, then went back to help as needed. Near the beginning of the fourth week the wound closed, so he ventured to the office alone -- and I was able to get on with sending out the prayer letter. Healing is not as fast as it was 40+ years ago when he had 2 hernia operations. However, we thank God for the measure of healing He has granted and look forward to the day when life will be normal again.

Meantime, work on the publications didn't come to a standstill. We put the finishing touches on Vol. 4 of *Authentic Christianity*, as well as a booklet, *The Bible*, by Spurgeon. These are both with the printer, and the booklet, at least, should be delivered this week.

Your prayers are **MUCH** appreciated. The Lord has graciously renewed our energy *nightly*.

Tommy has had 7 interviews at universities/industries and two more this week, including a rescheduled one at Tulsa U (Oklahoma), which was cancelled due to bad weather. Thus far, he has received two offers -- one from a firm (LECG) near Oakland, CA and the other from the U of Massachusetts, Boston campus. Please pray for him during these decisive days. He feels his life's career depends on this decision -- industry or academia.

We have no plans for Christmas. Tommy has not mentioned where he will be. No doubt he will be looking forward to spending vacation in Gainesville, after all the traveling he has done in the past 6 weeks. Sharon's flight is booked to Peoria, Illinois, on the 18th to spend several days with Bill's twin Tom and wife Florence. On the 22nd she flies to Lexington, KY, spending that night with Cousin Mary (Barkley) and family. Then she will drive on into the Kentucky hills to stay with my sister Carol from the 23rd to 30th. All are looking forward to the visit.

In His love,
Mary
