

**Christmas Greetings and Blessings for 2008!**

*Yeshua*, Jesus' name in Hebrew, means 'salvation, deliverance, victory'.  
"Thou shalt call His name *Yeshua* because He will save His people from their sins."  
– Matthew 1:21

Dear Friends at "Hill Street",

Once again it is time to bring you up to date on events in the lives of the Barkleys. November passed too quickly. Only on Saturday was I able to finish sending the November prayer letter! In fact, some "snailmail" ones are waiting to be mailed today. Correspondence had to be fit in around the normal responsibilities – printing incoming translation, revision, scanning a few chapters of an existing book to publish as booklet, formatting text in Page Maker in preparation to send to the printer, bills to pay, etc. Then, on the more personal side, there have been doctor's and dentist's appointments, some lab work, renewal of my driver's license, plus shopping and daily household chores. All of these activities deliver us from boredom, but not exhaustion! In mid-November we were able to enjoy several days in a quiet, simple B and B only a few miles from home. That helped to recuperate our energy, but it soon began to dwindle once we were back into our routine.

We praise the Lord for good sales in November, as distributors stocked up for Christmas. However, their orders slack off during December, because they want to diminish stock in preparation for stock taking/inventory. Sales through the office have continued to be encouraging.

Thank you for your prayers, e-mails, cards and letters. Please continue to pray for us, especially in regard to the following:

1. Direction for the young man whom we have approached about substituting us for 6 months.
2. A solution to a problem that has arisen in the "registry office". Just recently we were informed that our accountant's report for 2006 was not accepted, due to some legal fallacy on our part – of which we were/are unaware. Our lawyer, who is our vice president, is trying to find out what is wrong, but with little success. Wheels of bureaucracy grind slowly in Brazil!
3. Proper medication for the inflammation/infection that has returned to my left leg.
4. Protection for Tommy and Sharon as they travel during the Christmas vacation – Tommy to his friends in the Bahamas and Sharon to my sister in Kentucky.
5. Daily renewal spiritually and physically as we journey heavenward.

Yours in the service of the King of kings,  
Mary (for the Barkleys)

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