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"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings in Christ! It is hard to believe that another year has gone by so fast. This is our 30th year of ministry at BIEM so this Thanksgiving was special as we thanked God for three decades of His faithful hand of provision and blessings. Among these many blessings, the faithful support and prayers of God's people is something we especially treasure.

At this special time of year, we send you warm Christmas greetings from the Slobodian family! As we celebrate our Savior's wonderful birth and look forward to another year, our family has much to thank God for. Right now there is really big news regarding the Slobodian's. Amy and Sam will soon be grandparents! Our three married daughters, Sarah, Susan, and Stephanie are all expecting! There are three very excited couples in the Slobodian family. Sarah & Nate Crouch are expecting a daughter. Stephanie and Aaron Anger are also expecting a daughter. Susan and Mat Harvey are expecting twins. It looks like within a 3-month period from late February through May, Amy and Sam will go from zero grandchildren to four grandchildren! Sharon and Steve Slobodian are thrilled as well as they look forward to being an aunt and uncle.

As we look over the blessings of this year there are certainly many. Here are a few:

- Summer camps sponsored by BIEM hosted around 1400 children and young teens, of whom we know of over 400 salvation decisions.
- Praise God that this year we have surpassed the century mark in number of churches planted with the launch of our 103rd church plant since 1992 when we began to shift from radio to church planting.
- We are grateful that this year God has enabled us to complete our 40th church building project. Each completed church building is a great victory for Christ. Each building God has raised up becomes a lighthouse in the community and enhances the effectiveness of the church.
- Finally we praise God for the wonderful response to this year's project of distributing 30,000 Bibles. Since we are within \$10,000 of the \$90,000 needed to reach our goal, please pray for the remaining amount to come in.

Thank you for your part in this ministry and may God grant you and yours a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!

The Slobodians