

# Bailey Blessing's Newsletter

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Hello Prayer Partners & Dear Supporters!!

Winter, 2010

We have had snow on the ground almost continuously since the first week of December. Jerry has had a few school days, but they have been scattered out. Please be praying for students to finish their lessons so that they can come to camp this summer and hear the Gospel more and grow closer to God!

Our Christmas church program was called "Celebrate the Gift" and what a blessing it was to celebrate the wonderful gift of Jesus Christ our Lord! Our program ended with baby Jesus on one side in a manger and our adult Jesus standing with arms open to welcome all to come to Him. We praise the Lord for what He has done for us!

The Sunday morning of our Christmas program, Joanna went to pick up a couple of boys on the bus route. The boys were eagerly waiting in their front yard watching for the church van. One was in just a short sleeved t-shirt with temperatures in the twenties. In their holler, ice covered the road, so I stopped to get the boys but knew not to try to turn around there. I went to the end of the road where I could circle around and get out. It would have been OK except the church van was too long, so I had to try to back up to make the turn. Well, then we were stuck on ice and mud. The boys told me they would push me out. We all tried together, but it wouldn't budge. I finally broke down to go walk and call the Pastor and ask for help. Those boys kept trying to come up with ideas! They wanted to get to church! Finally, one said that maybe they could sit on the back tire to see if it helped. Well, it did! We met our rescue crew at the end of the road. The boys were so happy and excited! They sang wonderfully Sunday night in the Christmas program. I called their Mom to tell her how proud I was of them for not giving up. That night, Mom came to church for the first time ever and stayed for the fellowship after church! Please pray we can continue to reach this family!

We also had a girl from our neighborhood coming to church. Her Dad promised he'd be there, then said he might, then said he was leaving as soon as it was over and not a minute more. Well, I tried to talk to the girl and tell her not to get upset if she didn't see them. Not only did Dad come, but Mom did too and stayed an hour afterward for the finger food fellowship! What a blessing this was! Please be praying for them to come to know the Lord! God is working in the hills of Kentucky thanks to you!!

Thanks so much for your continued prayers and support! You are what makes this ministry happen! The Bailey's are about \$400 short per month due to different circumstances in some churches and people's lives. Anyway, we praise the Lord for how He provides for us! Camp has revised our basic support level in comparison to a teacher's salary and the cost of living in Eastern Kentucky. We are about \$1600 short per month compared to the basic revised support level. Please lift this up to the Lord in prayer. We know that economic times are tough for everyone right now, but please lift this up in prayer to the Lord. If you feel led to help out, please just let us know. **Our God is an awesome God and can do anything! We love you guys and appreciate you so much! May God richly bless you for your sacrifice and service for Him! Ephesians 3:20-21—"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

Let's All Lead them to Heaven in 2011!!!!

Jerry & Joanna, Jeremy & Jonathon Bailey