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Tavares News

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We hope you all had a very merry Christmas, and we pray that you will have a blessed new year. We have great expectations for what the Lord will do with us in 2010. We cannot forget the blessings of 2009, for we have seen His glory. This was the theme of our Christmas cantata. Many of the youth choir's unsaved parents and relatives attended the cantata and were touched by the music and the Word of God. Please pray for their salvation.



The year of 2009 was tremendous for us with many achievements and blessings. Nine people gave their lives to the Lord, and eight people were baptized. In March, Pastor and Mrs. Lake visited us as well. In April, we started a new work in another county about forty-five minutes away. In August, we celebrated the church's sixth anniversary. Also, we started our Bible Institute. Some of the church members began music lessons, and four of them have already begun to play special music during the services. What a blessing!!

We praise the Lord for you and are very thankful for having you as our partners in ministry. We could not accomplish this without God, and without your faithful prayers and financial support. We have been fighting the great battle as well, and know that the enemy of our souls never gives us a break, but we know that the Lord is in control of everything. The lawsuit against the construction company went nowhere. Therefore, we are going to fix it ourselves and drop the lawsuit. We have to raise about \$70,000 to be able to move into the new temple and stop paying rent where the church currently meets every week. A work crew from Bible Baptist Church in Vermont, along with Pastor Lake, has volunteered and will be coming to help with the construction for a week in March. We have the columns and the roof in place, and have already renewed the construction permit. The following stages are what is planned for the construction.

1. The columns are what need to be fixed so this will be the first step. To get this done, we will need cement, and iron rods.
2. Set the 2nd and 3rd floor of the building in place. We already have the iron and concrete plates to do this, but we will need to rent a cement truck to pour it on top of the floors.
3. After the floors are in place, we will begin to close the walls with bricks, and get the electricity and plumbing done.
4. Details, such as painting, windows, doors, flooring, etc.



We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude for all the Christmas gifts and cards sent to us. Thank you very much!! May God richly bless you all!

Under His Care,

The Tavares Family

Prayer Requests:

- *Many souls to be saved
- *Funds for the construction of the church building
- *Safety
- *Health



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