

Dear Friend of Abiding Above,

January 2007

Happy New Year! I believe with all of my heart this year will be a special one for you and this ministry. I am looking forward to the opportunities that are just ahead for us. I will be traveling to Nairobi, Africa the first week in February, for 17 days, to preach in the largest church (3,500 expected) in this capital city and to conduct outdoor evangelistic crusades and a pastor's conference. We are expecting thousands of people to hear the simple gospel and for believers to hear the message of their identity in Christ. Please be in prayer.

In March I will be leading a Couples Retreat outside of Jackson, MS along with bringing revival messages to a local congregation there. In April, my friend Jim Wheeler and I will travel back to Russia to continue the work God has started through this ministry and your prayer and support. We will be preaching in prisons and holding pastor's conferences throughout Russia. It is a humbling opportunity. We are so grateful to you for helping us. Look what has happened because you supported us! We have the doors of this great country open to us! Thank you for trusting us. Thank you for making it happen!

The last week in April I will be sharing with a large gathering of singles in Brooklyn, NY. It's hard to believe, a southern preacher in the Big Apple (NY). I need you to pray. This could very well open many doors in our largest city. There are people from 3 states coming and representatives from other ministries will be attending. Pray that God will anoint me as I share with them their true identity in Christ.

We have revivals scheduled in Illinois and Kentucky and many other opportunities are pending. We pray and accept only those invitations God directs us to.

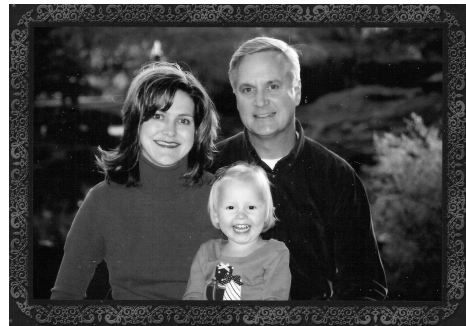
The Abiding Above Discipleship School is going strong as it continues to grow. We are sending out thousands of lessons each year. We are partnering with other ministries in getting these lessons into the hands of many. We even have a couple who have an E-bay internet business who has committed to send a lesson with each order they fill. They ship all over the United States! These lessons are given away freely. This continues to be our biggest expense as a ministry. Please help us get these out to the whole world. We are distributing them freely all over the U.S. and Africa. This year we plan to distribute them in 23 prisons in Russia and to the island of Puerto Rico. Remember, this is a system where we as a ministry can thoroughly disciple people all over the world. We take them through series after series with our volunteer graders. These lessons are life changing.

Listen to what one student shared with one of our volunteers, Mrs. Carolyn Alsip, *“the lessons have changed my life. It is nice to know there are still people that care about others as much as you.”*

Someone has said, "God changes people and people help to change those around them." That's what we are all about my friend,*sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person, encouraging spiritual growth in every believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory of God.*

I want to say a special thanks to all of you volunteers for your diligent service to our Lord through this ministry. You can know it never goes unnoticed. We could not accomplish all that is before us were it not for your helping hands and a heart that serves, **as unto the Lord."** **Thank you, thank you, thank you.** Please, keep on keeping on.

Many of you have met my wife Kellie and my daughter Maclaren. I thought I would close this newsletter with a heart felt thanks to them for allowing me to be away at certain times during the year to fulfill what God has called me to do. I love you both and I thank God for you each day.



It is my prayer that God will bless you this year in every way. My friend, whatever God has been leading you to do for many years now, don't hesitate, simply do it. It could be any number of things. If it comes to your mind often, it must be of the Lord. It might be to simply read your Bible, start having your quiet time again, learn how to share your faith, become a volunteer grader for us. It can be so many things, just do it and you will be so blessed! Step out of your comfort zone in 2007 and see what God will do! Amen!!

Abiding above,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris S. Hodges".

Chris S. Hodges
President
Colossians 3:1-3