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Fall Painting Project at the Church



A major summer and fall activity has been painting the outside of the church. Our church building is actually a large, 2 story house with 23 windows of various sizes. Fifteen of our church members have pitched in to power blast and paint the roof, scrape and paint the metal bars on the windows, scale scaffolding and ladders to paint the building, and do all the extras like trim. It has been a challenging experience and one that has required patience and perseverance. We are thankful for each one who has willingly served the Lord by caring for His House. And we thank the Lord for His protection as well.

One of the unique aspects of the ministry is the way the church provides transportation for many of our members. At first glance, this does not seem to be a problem. However, one of the challenges the church faces is the rising cost of gasoline and the more frequent repairs as the church vans become older. The vans were obtained with Campbell Soup Labels in the 90's. Whether it be Sunday Worship or Thursday evening Bible Study, four or five vans provide transportation covering approximately 200 miles for each service! With gas prices rising more than 60%, the cost of running the vehicles has increased dramatically. Also, this year the church has had to make major repairs on the vans costing over \$8,000. In an attempt to bring these costs under control and to offset some of these expenses, the church will be selling two of our large 15 passenger vans.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU IN THE NEW YEAR!

Once again the Christmas season is upon us when we reflect in a special way on the Gift of God's own Son, Jesus Christ. In many ways we see a world very similar to the time when the Babe in Bethlehem was born. Fear and uncertainty abound in most countries. But our hope and certainty is in 'Immanuel', God with us. We thank YOU for your faithfulness to this ministry over the years and depend upon your prayers and continued fellowship as we seek to bring the Good News to those who cannot hear but can come to know the Savior in a personal way. May the Lord bless you and your families and grant you His peace in 2005!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Clear direction for the future
- God's choice for a church Advisory Board.
- Buyers for the two vans.
- Wise use of time in busy schedules.
- Continued safety on the roads.
- Volunteers to assist with building maintenance.
- Encouragement and enthusiasm for the believers



PRAYER PRAISES

- Each supporter and prayer partner.
- Individual spiritual growth.
- Safety through another hurricane season.
- Successful Labor Day picnic and outreach.
- Safety over many miles traveled each week.
- Willing helpers.