



# OPEN AIR MINISTRIES-PHILADELPHIA

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**“For unto you is born this day in the city of David the Savior who is Christ the Lord.”**

Dear Friends,

It’s hard to believe, but this has been our eighth year of handing out stockings during our annual Christmas stockings outreach. This year, we were blessed with 1,200 stockings plus toys, blankets, bags, coats, hats, scarves and gloves. In the past, we have partnered with sidewalk Sunday school, but with Pastor Nick moving back to New York City this ministry came to end last spring.

In the 27 years of ministry, we have seen that there is a season for certain ministries and then God moves us on to a new adventure in ministry. This year, we partnered with Faith Assembly of God, Urban Hope Church and Christ Urban Ministries to spread the gospel and the Christmas message in their communities, along with hitting a few of our old sidewalk Sunday school sites. We did pioneer a few new areas in and



around the communities where Georgine Ivy conducts children’s Bible clubs. My good friend Bob Ewerth from OAC was a big help on one of these days as a church team could not come to help us.

On one of the warmer days of our outreach, we had a large crowd at Potter Thomas schoolyard as 150 parents and children showed up after school. We have been ministering in this community for around eight years, whereby God has blessed us with great favor in the community. Countless parents thanked us

for coming back. It encouraged me greatly to be greeted by teenage girls and guys with a “Pastor Joe, do you remember me.” Much gospel seed has been sown in this community and we trust the Lord that many people will come to Christ. A big thanks goes out to Faith EC Church for coming from Lancaster, PA to help us.

As 2011 comes to an end, we are so grateful to God that you are a part of our support team. We thank you for the support, prayers and other items that you send our way. Together, we are building God’s Kingdom in Philly and other areas as the gospel is proclaimed. As a Temple University student said to me on our last day on campus, “Don’t stop coming here. My life has been changed since I trusted in Christ.” We pray that God will richly bless you in 2012.



Proclaiming Jesus,

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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

