

JACKSON FAMILY NEWS

A Newsletter for Friends and Partners in Ministry of Bruce and Brenda Jackson ❀ Christmas 1989



It seems as though, every year, it happens a little earlier...no sooner have the school bells rung and the pumpkins been carved then we start to see a bumper crop of Christmas bows and Santa Clauses sprouting up in every store! In our hometown of Dayton, Ohio people really got a blast for the season in the form of the earliest snowstorm in the city's history — six inches fell in mid October! Who is setting the boundaries on all of this out-of-control behavior that is occurring in our world? Many extraordinary happenings have confronted us in a short time as earthquakes, hurricanes, and depraved society all rock our existence. Yet, as families who know and love Jesus Christ personally, we can rest in what Jesus said: *"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."* (John 16:33) Isn't that great! Our family is so grateful to be able to share this kind of message with those that are hurting so deeply. I suppose it doesn't matter, then, how early the merchants haul out the Christmas trappings as long as we know why Jesus came at Christmas — *"to seek and to save that which was lost."* Now **that's** a great gift!



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WE'RE MOVING!

This has been a big year for the Jackson family and for this ministry to which God has called us! In our last letter, we told you of a number of changes taking place in our lives and how God has been very actively leading us. The changes have not been easy, but we have been happy and contented as we see God's hand at work.

Probably the most trying event of the past year has been our being without a house! We were very excited when our home sold to a cash buyer because it was a direct confirmation of God's will in the matter. However, we were not prepared for the reality of not being able to find another house! As we have searched this year, the lack of a house payment and utility bills has enabled us to put more finances and energy into the ministry part of our lives. We completed payment on our newest album project, paid for new four-color promotional material and put aside a fair amount toward our upcoming missions trip to Europe. Now that many necessary items have been cared for in the ministry, God has begun to unfold His plan for our new home.



About two months ago was the first time that we were open to the thought of a total relocation outside the Dayton, Ohio area. We had been approached by friends and family members about the idea of a move to Nashville, Tennessee. Brenda's parents and two sisters live in that area, as well as friends that we have made in the music field. We have also been impressed by the availability of recording studios and those who could write music with us for the concerts. Music teachers and musical opportunities for the children would be a terrific by-product of a move like this. The ministry would have a great central location and only 300 miles from Dayton!

We started to get excited about the possibility but needed to have it all affirmed by the Lord. Many friends prayed with us about it and we earnestly sought God's mind in the matter. Finally, the Lord gave us the confirmations that we prayed for, and once we started the process of relocating in Nashville, everything had perfect order. It has been another one of God's miraculous interventions!

Please pray for us as we take more steps of faith. The final moving of furniture and equipment will happen by the first of February. A lot is involved in the relocation of a home and an entire ministry, but our spirits are ready for the challenge! We are hoping that many of our friends will visit us in our new home and that we will have even greater effectiveness in this new location. Our new address is:

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We praise the Lord for His faithfulness!

A SPECIAL GIFT FOR EUROPE

Many of you have prayed and given toward our upcoming trip to England, France, and Germany. Now that our office and home relocation seems to be approaching completion, we are looking toward a departure date this Spring! You can imagine how thrilled we were to see the newest developments unfolding in Berlin! We may have the opportunity to share with some of the East Germans who have never heard God's message of redemption for individuals and families. We are continuing to work with our military contacts in Western Europe as we set our itinerary for the trip. If you would still like to have a financial part in this special missionary outreach, we are still under our goal for the total trip's expense (all tax-deductible gifts should be made payable to Family Song Ministries). We are thankful to the Lord for entrusting this challenge to us and for your desire to touch families with us!

We are looking forward to a precious Christmas this year with our family in Dayton, Ohio, and no doubt, many of you will flash through our minds as we thank God for the blessings of this year. We don't get to see some of you very often, but know that our love is deep for each one of you and God's love is deeper still. We wish you a happy Christmas, full of joy and family fun!

Merry Christmas!
Bruce and Brenda