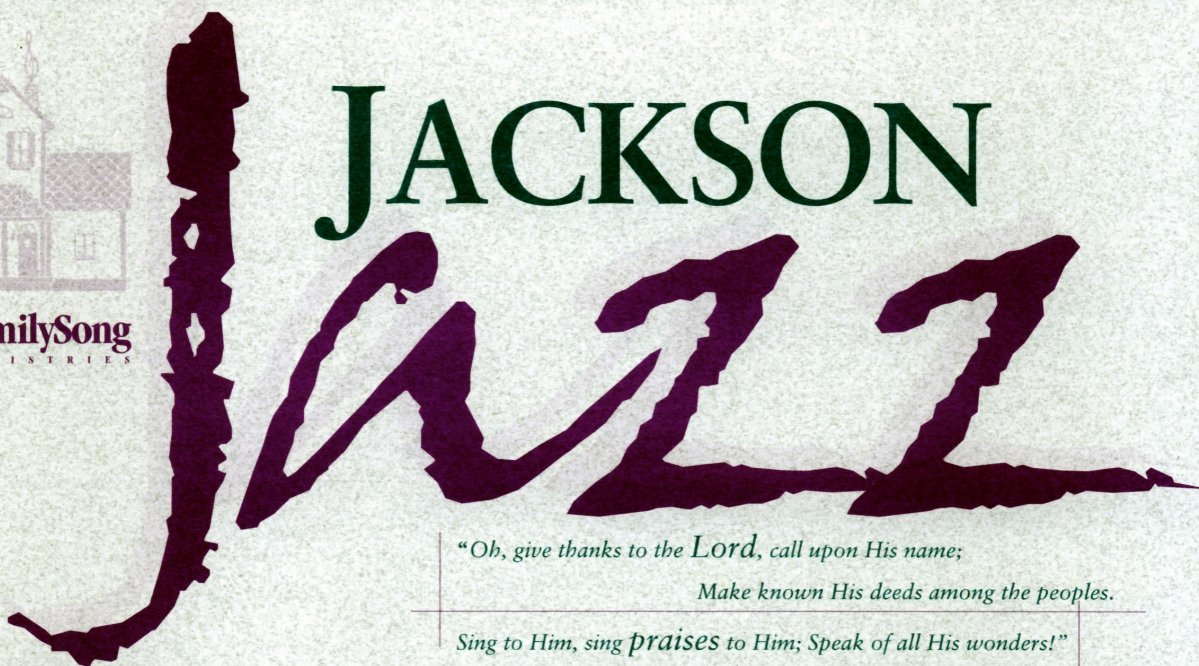




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"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name;

Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders!"

II Chronicles 16: 8 & 9

A Harvest Of Souls In Asia

In 1997, we were involved in our very first international tour of the Philippines! We were hosted, primarily, by One Way Outreach on the island of Mindinao for a conference of more than two thousand Filipino pastors and their families. One Way Outreach is a missionary organization raised up in the Philippines for the purpose of building churches throughout all regions of that nation. Over two thousand churches have been built under the leadership of the Gaitano family and exciting outreach is happening in these areas which were formerly under Communist and Islamic control. As we shared in ministry in '97, pastors at the conference were encouraged and energized to allow Christ to shine through their families as they minister. Then, we further shared in several cities within the Philippines and saw hundreds pray to receive Jesus Christ as Savior! This year, we are headed toward one of the most unprecedented opportunities for the Gospel that we have ever seen! Doors are opening for ministry within Catholic Universities, large inner-city meetings and

further conferences. Just within the past month, we were introduced to Bruce and Emma Behnken who are living in the Philippines and having tremendous in-roads of ministry with the Asian people. Bruce and Emma will be coordinating our tour and overseeing future ministry thrusts throughout that whole region! We are excited about the contacts that are coming to us through the Behnkens as they make arrangements for us. The tour will include church groups of many denominations and combined meetings that will touch thousands! Pray with us as we seek to bring the anointing of Jesus Christ to the hurting families of the Philippines. Families of that nation are in deep trouble as divorce, single-parenting and homosexuality are rampant. We know that revival can only come through the Lord Jesus!

Our Asia tour may also include concert appearances in mainland China! We have been contacted already by sources



The kids always gathered around Brook!

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Miracle Moves Of God!

We were young and excited about the call of God on our lives and our family! With two small children, ages three and eighteen months, it was hard to look beyond our circumstances and believe God for big things. We took giant steps of faith as God brought us into this ministry!

Brenda was in severe pain with an ear infection that would not go away. With a midnight trip to the emergency room, Dr. Goldenberg, one of the top ear specialists in the country, was called in to assess the situation and decide a course of action. Within a few short hours, a life-threatening operation was underway as a massive infection was removed from the ear and surrounding tissue. The doctor's words, following the surgery, were sobering. . . *she had been dangerously close to a full-blown infection in the brain!* The infection had damaged her auditory nerve and her ability to hear would never be normal! We knew that God would have to intervene if we were to accomplish a ministry involving concerts! It was a simple prayer, but a giant step of faith, as we asked the Lord to anoint Brenda with His healing. An amazing miracle followed as the ear specialist tested her hearing in the days following the surgery. To the astonishment of the doctors, her ear was fully

restored! What a testimony it was to that doctor, who was an orthodox Jew! He was so moved by what God that he sent a financial gift to the ministry!

As our son, Brent, was taking his first breaths, we could see that there was a problem. The obstetrician told us that his lungs were full of fluid and that he was suffocating! The doctors gave us reports of possible brain damage and other complications from his lack of oxygen. We prayed in faith for the healing of our son, knowing that he had a destiny that had been promised to us by the Lord! What an amazing miracle it was to see the Lord give complete restoration in such a short period of time.

On the day that we went to the hospital for the delivery of our third child, Brook, Brenda knew that something was wrong. The baby wasn't moving and Brenda had a slight fever. After a thorough examination, the hospital staff realized that there was a problem with the pregnancy and the baby needed to be born immediately. Brenda's body literally expelled the baby in moments, as a serious infection, once again, threatened her and Brook's life. There were reports from the doctors about possible spinal meningitis in the baby and other ominous

A Meeting With George W. Bush!

Recently, we received a phone call from Brenda's sister, Becky, in Florida, with news of an upcoming visit from Gov. George W. Bush! Becky's husband, David, was serving as pilot for Gov. Bush's trip to Dayton on his Presidential campaign tour! Needless to say, we were excited to have George W. Bush visiting Dayton and we had a wonderful opportunity to spend time with this man who may very well be our next President! He left with a copy of our latest album and a hand-written list of powerful Scripture verses from Brenda! Continue to pray that God will work mightily through upcoming elections. We were told that Governor Bush and his staff are meeting for Bible studies daily! PTL!



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complications. At this point in our lives, faith in the Lord Jesus had become a “walk” not just blind “steps” in the right direction! What a privilege for us to be able to share our faith with doctors and nurses as the Lord brought complete healing to Brenda and our little girl, Brook!

We had been in ministry as a family for more than eleven years, when our faith was again tested by the enemy! Our little miracle baby, Brook had grown to be eight years old and was ministering with us on a weekend in the Washington D.C. area. After she had dealt with tremendous nausea and pain all day, we took her to an emergency room for help. They advised a speedy transfer to Children’s Hospital where the doctors and surgeons were quick to make a diagnosis. Brook’s appendix had ruptured inside of her and, without an immediate operation, she wouldn’t live through the night! As we faced, yet, another difficult test we remembered the words of *Ephesians 3:20* which say that God is able to do “*exceeding abundantly above all we could ask or think, according to the power that works within us!*” We needed more than the power of medicine or surgeons. . . we needed the power of God! Christians all over the country prayed with us as Brook underwent an extensive operation which removed a massive amount of infection throughout her abdomen. The doctors’ prognosis was a hospital stay of three to four weeks and the possibility of another surgery. Imagine their shock when the healing power of Jesus brought her out of the hospital in just six days! Brook was doing flips in her gymnastics class that month! We were excited to see God at work again! He mightily used the First Baptist Church in Upper Marlboro, MD to minister in the lives of our whole family as Brook was in the hospital.

We have continued to see God doing mighty things as we enter our fourteenth year of ministry as a family. The Lord brought us to Dayton, OH, after living for seven years in Nashville, TN. We have been thrilled to have Godly grandparents and family members living closeby for our children! However, the costs of ministry and

family had been huge over the years and we

moved to the Dayton area with no capacity to purchase a home or ministry office. Through the generous giving of a Christian businessman and the provision of the Lord we are now in a beautiful little farmhouse on six acres in the country! The Lord has provided space for our family and an adjoining area which has just been completed for the ministry office!

We are continually thanking the Lord for meeting our needs, as He uses us across America and around the world to touch the lives of hurting needy families.

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who are opening the door for ministry in Hong Kong and Beijing. Communism and oppression are still the prevailing forces in this country, but there is potential for our family to have an inroad. God has provided us with a unique tool because we are an American, musical family. It appears that this tool may be one of the vehicles God will use to touch China!

We need substantial help from all of our ministry partners as we contemplate the cost of this upcoming mission tour! In addition to the covering and investment of prayer on our behalf, some of you can help with a large gift toward this project of \$1000. or \$2000. Others may be able to give \$50. or \$100. Whatever the gift, God will reward your faithfulness with an abundant, year 2000, harvest in Asia!! We are undertaking greater ministry than ever before, as a family, and we need to hear from as many of you as possible to meet the challenge. Will you pray with us and make an investment? God will meet your need, as well, as you touch the lives of others!!

