

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL CRUMB DONORS

It is my privilege to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year. All the folks in the Chattanooga Urban Ministries thank you from the depth of our hearts. This will be serving as our mini-crumbs donors newsletters for December.

This week has been filled with a sense of awesomeness of God as we have had both new life and death. We each shared a sense of loss at the passing of Mr. Jimmy's mom, Opal Munson. She was a vibrant witness for this ministry and a good friend to those of us who have been privileged to share with her. She strengthened our faith and courage as she had her good companion shared their witness and prayers for us. When we first began to talk about trying to fund this ministry through the crumbs donors contributions, there were one of the first to sign up and continued through all the years to respond every month with a check. Thank you for their generosity.

It has been an exciting and busy year for all of us here the same as it has for many of you. It only seems as if it was in the past month that we were celebrating the birth of Jesus for Christmas 2004. We have been camping; had winter term interns here; summer interns here; had vacation church schools, celebrated Thanksgiving and now it's almost Christmas time again.

We have seen our leadership team grow to include children, teenagers, young adults and a few of us gray hair folks. We have watched our numbers grow weekly as our young folks invite their friends to come and share with them at one of the activities at the Center. We have been blessed with a new Center pastor who has a great sense of humor, a passion and love for the congregation, a sense of call to the mission of reaching the lost and a willingness to try new things.

I have served as the missionary pastor from December 1999 until October 2005 for this group. Many times over the past six years I have wondered why God has allowed me the honor of serving in this place. It has been such a wonderful experience to see the life changing impact that God is having on the lives of people here every day.

I have had the opportunity to meet some of you at World Conference and other events. I look at name tags during those times to see if I can find those of you who are our crumbs donors. I always want to have a minute to share in person how important you are to this ministry. **You are my heroes!!!** Without you, your prayers and your generous contributions, this ministry could not function. God bless you all. I wish I could share with each of you in person and give you all a big hug. May you all continue to be aware of God's blessings in your lives. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Kenny Alcorn,
All of us send our best wishes to you.