



# Christmas For Christ 2008 Newsletter

**Dear Kentucky District Pastor / Minister:** *When you give to Christmas For Christ and PIHM, you do more than just give.....you provide a resource that turns a burden into reality and bring revival to communities previously untouched by this Apostolic Message. Don't miss out on this opportunity to get involved and help reach the 4 million souls of our great district.*



Christmas For Christ Offering  
Offering Date: December 21st, 2008  
Due Date: January 30th, 2009

Home Missionary Daniel Orten is the pastor of Harvest House located in Marion, Kentucky. The Home Missions Department recently had an opportunity to ask Bro. Orten a few questions about Marion and how Christmas For Christ and PIHM has helped him in reaching Marion.

**KY HM:** Bro. Orten, Tell us a little about you and your family.

**Bro. Orten:** My name is Daniel Orten. I am a home missionary to Marion, Kentucky along with my family (wife, Cheryl, and children: Jaken age 12 and Bethany age 10). I have been licensed with the UPCI since 2005. In April 2006 we began a preaching point in Marion. We were granted Home Missions status in 2007.

**KY HM:** Tell us about your city in which you pastor?

**Bro. Orten:** Marion is a lovely agriculture town in the extreme western part of the state. It is the county seat of Crittenden County. With a population of 3,600 and no Apostolic church in the entire county of 9,000 people, we felt a great burden for the lost of the area.

**KY HM:** Can you tell us how PIHM and Christmas For Christ funds have helped you in 2008?

**Bro. Orten:** In 2008 the area pastors, churches, and saints who chose to give to Christmas For Christ & PIHM have greatly blessed us. We have been able to depend upon the faithful giving to assist in the monthly expenses. During family camp we were also blessed to receive a Media Missions grant of \$500.00 that, along with the regular PIHM monies allowed us to purchase a dependable keyboard at the reasonable price of \$750.00.





**KY HM:** In a brief summary, what have been a few highlights that have occurred in 2008?

**Bro. Orten:** God has been good to Harvest House in 2008. We have seen growth and development of what was began earlier. Below are some of the highlights of good things that have happened in Marion this year.

This Easter we had an attendance drive that allowed us to break our record attendance with 36. Through this we gained ten new people to our church. Of those ten people we have since baptized two and saw one receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.



On August 31 we held our first friends and family day. We had a regular Sunday morning service with 37, breaking our record for the second time. At the park, where we held a cook out and encouraged everyone to invite friends and family, we were blessed to have 63 people in attendance.

On September 19 our church reached a goal that was set at the first youth rally of this year. We brought home the Section I Youth Rally Banner!

On November 2 we held our first Harvest Sunday. We encouraged everyone to invite a visitor and bring in a canned good for the upcoming Christmas baskets. Everyone got involved. Many brought in boxes or bags of canned goods. Many visitors were brought into the church. We broke our record again. There were 44 in Sunday morning service. Best of all, many souls were on the altar at the end of the service. Three people repented of their sins.



So far for 2008 we have seen ten people baptized in Jesus Name. We have seen four people filled with the gift of the Holy Ghost. As many as 20 children have crammed into our tiny Sunday School room. We are averaging 26 in attendance on Sunday mornings thus far for 2008.

**KY HM:** In closing, is there anything that you would like to say to the ministers, pastors, and churches that have supported Home Missions with PIHM and Christmas For Christ or is still considering whether or not to get involved?

**Bro. Orten:** We would like to say 'thank you' to all of the pastors, churches, and saints who have supported PIHM and Christmas for Christ. With your continued support Home Missionaries across Kentucky and North America will be able to see continued growth through Christmas for Christ grants which can help purchase existing buildings or help with renovations. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving to PIHM and Christmas for Christ.

