

THE LAKE FAMILY



APPOINTEES TO THE **BRONX**, NEW YORK



2007 - Year In Review

We started 2007 off heading to Cleveland, Ohio with 13.5% of our support. God blessed us with 72 meetings. Some had to be rescheduled or cancelled so we ended up with 66 deputation meetings for the year. Sam was also able to provide pulpit supply six times in the beginning of the year. We both spoke at our home church in the AWANA program a couple times. Jen started serving at our local pregnancy care center in February. Sam filled in for our Pastor five times on Wednesday nights. In March, we were able to go to the Church Ministries Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan. April found us back in Cleveland for a few days. In May, Sam attended the strategic planning sessions in Cleveland to observe the goal setting process. Jen spoke to the Ladies Missionary Fellowship group at Eden Bible Church in Beulah, Michigan. June was a new experience for our family. We lived in Ripon, Wisconsin for the whole month. Thanks again to Ripon Baptist Church for letting us stay in your mission house. July saw our support level increase to 20%. Our home church asked us to serve on the missions committee in July too. The biggest news of the year came in August. We visited the Silverberg family in the Bronx, New York for about a week. God used that visit to cement in our hearts that He wanted us to serve Him in the Bronx, New York. At that point, our support was at 26%. With the change from Cleveland to the Bronx, our support level fell to 18% simply because of the higher cost of living. We did not lose any supporters or support in the change. Sam started going to the jail in our home town to have Bible studies with some of the men. Sam was able to lead one of the men to Christ in late August. We had several more meetings in September and October. In October, we became AWANA Commanders at our home church and Jen spoke at a Lady's Tea at Ithaca Baptist Church. We started our new web site in October too - www.samandjenlake.com. We traveled back to the Bronx in the beginning of November for a few days. It was great to reconnect with the Silverberg family and see the progress on the new church building. Sam was able to provide pulpit supply four times in November and December. December was quiet meeting wise for our family. We are thankful for the time we were able to spend with family this past Christmas. At the close of 2007, our support level was still at 18%. It was a very busy year. God was faithful and provided our every need. He kept us safe over many miles. Sam called many churches and pastors. Our best guess is between 7,000-9,000 phone calls. Jen wrote over one hundred thank-you notes. We mailed hundreds of info packs to churches. *And yet with all that WE do, we realize that it is NOTHING we do that makes the difference. We are thankful that our getting to the field does not rest on our shoulders, but it is GOD that is in control. II Corinthians 3:5 - "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God."*

Did you know there are over 100 abortion clinics in NYC?



Did you know 43% of kids in the Bronx live in poverty?

2007 Numbers

- 31,000 - Approximate miles driven last year
- \$1,500 - Amount spent on postage
- 66 - Number of deputation meetings
- 10 - Number of times Sam provided pulpit supply
- 8 - Number of different states we were in
- 115 - Number of days away from home
- 450 - Highest # of people presented to in a church
- 8 - Lowest # of people presented to in a church

MOVE TO NEW YORK

We will be moving to Williamson, NY during the week of May 11th-18th. We have been sorting through our belongings seeing what we need. We have a growing pile in the basement for a yard sale in the spring. We plan on moving everything we own to New York. We will move whether our house sells or not. Please pray that it will sell. We own our home but are still making monthly mortgage payments. On January 29th, we listed our house with Coldwell Banker Reality. We estimate that with the cost of gas, renting a U-haul and other expenses that it will cost us about \$1,500 to move to New York.

LAPTOP TROUBLE

Our laptop has served us well. But now the laptop has almost had it. The hinge on the back is broken and cracked as is the sound jack. The past few weeks it has been blacking out when power point and other programs are running. We rely on it for most everything we do - prayer letters, correspondence with pastors and supporters, mailings to perspective churches and most importantly running our power point presentation at our deputation meetings. Please pray that God would provide the funds to purchase a new laptop computer.

These Envelopes Again?

Please excuse the old Cleveland, Ohio envelopes. We are trying to be good stewards by using the old ones we have left. This will be the last time we use these.

PRAISES

- That God is in control
- 56 meetings scheduled for 2008 & one for 2009
- A place to live in NY next year
- Safety in traveling



UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 3rd	Pulpit Supply Ludington, MI
February 10th	First Baptist Church Essexville, MI
February 10th	South Baptist Church Bay City, MI
February 17th	First Baptist Church Vestaburg, MI
February 24th	Standale Baptist Church Grand Rapids, MI
March 2nd	Still Available
March 9th	Still Available
March 16th	Curtis Baptist Church Curtis, MI (UP)
March 16th	Munising Baptist Church Munising, MI (UP)
March 30th	Tower Baptist Church Tower, MI
March 30th	Calvary Baptist Church Gaylord, MI
April 6th	Still Available

Our Support Level

Our level of committed support remained the same over the past two months - 18%

PRAYER REQUESTS

- For meetings to be scheduled for March 2nd, March 9th & April 6th.
- The Silverberg family
- The building project in the Bronx & the CBM builders
- That our walk with God will stay strong
- More labourers for the harvest - Matt. 9:36-38
- Good health for our family
- That our house will sell

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