

January 3, 2005

Dear Supporters,

Greetings from Sussex Corner, New Brunswick. I pray that you had a blessed holiday season and that this letter finds you looking forward to what the Lord is going to do in and through you in this year. I Praise the Lord for how He provided this past year for the missionaries and ministries of CSSM Atlantic and am looking ahead with anticipation to what He has in store for us in 2005.

I want to thank you for your part in what the Lord has accomplished and how He has provided this past year for our ministries and our missionaries. You have had a part in the ministry to reach Atlantic Canada with the gospel of Christ and the teaching of believers.

Enclosed with this letter and Prayer Guide is your tax-deductible receipt for 2004. If you have any questions or inquiries in regard to your receipt or donations made please contact our secretary/bookkeeper, Gloria Steeves and she will assist you. Once again I say thank you for your donations and for being an integral part of the ministry of CSSM Atlantic.

One part of our ministry and purpose of CSSM is to disciple believers, particularly those who have been saved through our ministries. In the next few weeks that will be happening at two of our camps through weekend Winter Retreats. Hampton Bible Camp and Sandy Cove Bible Camp will be holding camps for various ages in the month of February (see Prayer Guide). Please be in prayer for these weekends and consider helping at one of the retreats through going as a worker or sending a camper. Julie Bennett, missionary to the inner city children of Halifax, is planning a retreat at the end of January at Mt. Trabor Bible Camp. This Retreat is just one way Julie is seeking to reach these needy boys and girls with God's love. I will be updating all those who have email with the details of this retreat after I meet with Julie later this week while at New Brunswick Bible Institute for CSSM promotion.

I am sure that by now most if not all of our Canadian supporters have heard that the cost of postage is going up once again. That is why I have decided that we are going to organize our mailing list so that all of those individuals with email will be able to receive their Prayer Guide, updates, etc. through email. It was a significant cost savings to our family this past month as we were able to send our prayer letter via email to about half of our 300+ mailing list. If you have email and are receiving this letter please email me ([atlantic.director@cssm.ca](mailto:atlantic.director@cssm.ca)) so I can begin building our "Prayer Guide Email" list. This is just one of the ways that I have been seeking to be a better steward of the Lord's money. From changing the format of the Prayer Guide to fit on one page so our paper and photocopying costs would be less to using technology to its fullest, we take the stewardship of your donations serious here at CSSM Atlantic.

I praise the Lord for how He continues to expand the work here in the Atlantic. As I am sure that you remember, I continue to pray that the Lord would expand His work through new ministries and more missionaries. This time He is providing more missionaries by moving a missionary couple back to the Atlantic Branch. At the end of May this year Albert and Maureen Dean will be completing their ministry as Assistant to the National Director and returning to New Brunswick to carry out an Itinerant Ministry, particularly to children, under the CSSM Atlantic Branch. We welcome Albert and Maureen back to this Branch and assure their supporters that once they get settled they will be busy in their ministry.

Please continue to pray that the Lord would continue to provide for His work through the provision of workers. One area of great need is that of a Camp Director for Miramichi Bible Camp. We are also in need of individuals who would come along side in support roles in the Branch. Many of these roles require computer skills in order to help us with the ministry websites, the editing of promotional media, or research projects for the Branch Office. We also have need of others who work with their hands in other ways such as using a paint brush, plumbing or carpentry. If you have any of these skills and feel that the Lord is calling you to come along side us in a new way: either part-time, full-time, or on a volunteer basis please contact me or your local ministry.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support and I look forward to our ministry together in 2005.

In His Service,

Gary B. Long  
Atlantic Branch Director