

October 31, 2009

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Many seasons come in the life of any believer, and this is true of ministries as well. The seasons here in Ohio are God-ordained and follow a timely and predictable pattern. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas even as we now wade through piles of gorgeously colored red, amber, orange, burnished brown and smoky-colored leaves.

Our ministry has continued to grow, even though the outward signs are not readily apparent just yet. We see the changes— some of them are in the settling of our heart and the simplification of our worldly lives, while at the same time there has been tremendous growth in vision and potential future outreach.

The Lord has been taking us through the fall – the end of a season of seeing the harvest of so many lives evangelized, and through the point of what appeared to be winter dormancy. Many troubles and persecutions during that time have built our character and our tap roots run deeper into the love of the Lord and his will for the Kingdom.

But now, you can look at what is going on with David, Zac, Ben and me and see that the destination or journey hasn't changed but has broadened and deepened. David has started a two year intensive, part-time academic program at Vineyard Leadership Institute (www.vli.org), which extensively covers a wide breadth of seminary material designed to help people be more effective leaders in their ministry.

Zac is a sophomore at Cedarville University and is heavily involved in outreach ministry. Just two days before going back to school in late August, he was healed of a serious debilitating affliction that had been getting worse for the past six months. It was serious enough that we were likely planning on keeping him home. On the first day back, he tried out and was selected to "Heartsong", which is one of three student ministry teams that tour the Midwest on weekends and over the summer doing worship outreach concerts. He loves being back on the road. For more info and to see when he is going to be in your area, check out <http://www.cedarville.edu/christianministries/heartsong/>.



GREEN TEAM – From left to right - Sam Sincock, Kurtis Woods, Tim Doenges, Danielle McDonald, Zac James, Caleb Ingram, Aubrey Womack, DJ Blatherwick (team leader)

Ben is a junior at Granville High School and has some great mentors working with him on physical strengthening and spiritual growth. He is praying about career choice, but in the meantime he is

extremely gifted vocally and creatively and continues to pursue his love of drama, music, history and business. He will be helping me out with sound recordings and also learning to do video work.

I am in the middle of a 3½ year period of training and product development. I'm taking classes in the Word and am working on the production of several products for the Kingdom work ahead of us. A vocal book/Bible Study is well underway that will teach the average Christian worshiper simple steps to freeing up their voice and spirit to worship. There are three children's books in process – two to accompany the two Wendy & the James Gang CD's and one that will be the basis for a third kids CD. Many new songs of worship, praise and spiritual warfare are being written for adult CD projects, and ideas for concerts, books and seminars are coming faster than I can handle.

So, bit by bit, the winter passed by and we are well into the Spring growth. Our branches are spreading wider and we are starting to utilize the potential of the internet and media to reach the lost and to strengthen believers. Our first step was to get the WJG CDs "Song of the King" and "God Loves You" as well as the "Wendy James" CD available for digital distribution, in order to make them accessible to kids and families everywhere. We just completed a long process of getting the music on I-Tunes, Amazon, CD Baby and other sites! We'll be rolling this out shortly, but if you go there now and search "Wendy James Gang", you'll find it! Spread the word!

Our new theme is an old one, but bears repeating. We are enjoying the journey and learning to find joy in everything. God's love is more real to us than ever and he has given us a strong future and a hope!

We thank you from the bottom of our heart for weathering the winter months with us. You will be especially blessed, of that I have no doubt. Blessed is he who has not seen and yet believes.

Thank you for your continued love and support. Even if you cannot give, thank you for giving the most important thing – love through prayer.

Love,

Wendy

Note from Dave: I want to echo Wendy's comments and thank you very much for your continued prayers and financial support. I hope that you'll forgive me for not communicating often enough. I promise that I will get better! Here are a few other things that are happening as we continue forward...

- We completed a first pass at a strategic planning process to map out the next several years of kids ministry, adult ministry, new music, DVD's, books, touring, etc.
- We're about ready to roll out a Facebook page and improvements to the web site.
- Thanks to a specific donation, we now have the ability to record music in house, which is already paying dividends and will save a huge amount of money down the road.
- We continue to get emails very regularly about how the music is still impacting kids. With the new initiatives, God is opening new doors for ministry!
- As you can see, we are resuming some operations, but thanks to your continued support, the ministry debt is below \$92,000. Thank you!

Thanks again & God bless,
David