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Glory to the Lord Only

The McReynolds Family

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## Send Off

“When are you leaving?” is the question that we have tried to answer to the best of our ability time and time again. Rejoice! It seems that God’s perfect timing is closing in upon us. As of November 1, 2005 we must have all of our possessions, animals and ourselves out of our place of residence. As Pastor Boyd likes to refer to it, “Like a good gardener the LORD continually prunes the rubbish from our lives, in order to draw us closer to Christ Jesus.” That is such a beautiful concept, yet one that can many times leave us feeling a bit uneasy. Without a home of our own the LORD will have “cut us back” to a point where all that remains is the time of our departure. Our home church, All Saints PCA, will be having a “sending off” service for our family on October 9, 2005. All are welcome to come! “All Saints” gathers for worship and communion on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gabriel’s Catholic School, 2500 Wimberly Lane, Austin, TX. 78735. We would like to humbly and graciously thank “All Saints” for their faith and support that they have unconditionally extended to us.

## Support Raising

“Oh, the joys of support raising!” is what we like to pretend we shout on a daily basis. It is quite the opposite in fact. Many times we find ourselves feeling as though everyone might be looking at us as if all we wanted was their money. That is when we know Satan is trying to devour us, but he will not succeed. Day in and day out we are feeling naked before the Lord, crying out to Him from the depths of our souls, “Jesus, where you lead me, I will follow!” Jesus Christ has been faithful in providing for every need, and all of the details. Our annual budget is \$60,000. Currently, with God’s help, we have raised roughly \$36,000 of our total annual budget. This is truly a figure that we pour out before the Lord in praise. Rejoice! Our goal, with God’s help, is to have raised \$50,000 before October 1, 2005. This summer, our family won a Harley-Davidson through a sports radio contest. What an interesting way for God to help us financially, as well as confirm that we are on the right path. We try and always remember that God has quite a sense of humor...

## Sacrifice

“What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.” (Phil. 3:8-9) The apostle Paul surrendered everything that stood in the way of right relationship with God, by grace, through faith in Christ Jesus. Are we willing to set aside our own agenda? Are we ready to lay down our lives for the sake of Christ Jesus? Are we making any sacrifices in our own lives for Christ? Each sacrifice we make for the sake of Christ brings us that much closer to Him and our residence in Heaven. We must take great caution in the motives of our sacrifices, for God will judge those who make sacrifices in order to bring glory to themselves. On the contrary, when we sacrifice comforts, family, friends, freedom, etc. in our own lives, by faith in Christ Jesus, we are commanded to “Rejoice in the Lord!” (Phil. 3:1)

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose.”

-Jim Elliot