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Additions to the TBM Family!

We are pleased to announce that two new couples have been accepted as missionaries with Tentmakers Bible Mission. We want to take this opportunity to introduce them to you so that you can effectively pray for them as they seek to raise support and make plans to depart for their fields of ministry.

Louis & Dorris Rawson

This couple has had a burden for missions for many years. Now they see their prayers for involvement being answered. After visiting some family members who were serving in the Dominican Republic, they felt God's call to a church planting ministry there.

God has prepared them well for this ministry with a lifetime's worth of service. Both have attended Bible school and have been extremely active doing lay work in local churches for the past 30 years. Some of their combined ministries have included various teaching positions, leadership roles in evangelism, Sunday School and choir ministries, membership and chairmanship on church board and missions committees, as well as various preaching opportunities.

Louis and Dorris have five grown children, some of whom are also in full-time service for the Lord. Louis has left his job after working for more than twenty years in equipment maintenance and repair. They have sold most of their belongings and are eagerly looking forward to leaving for the Dominican Republic, sometime in January of 1989.

The Dominican Republic shares an island with Haiti, about 700 miles southeast of Miami, Florida. God

has called them to a mountain village, called Jarabocoa, with a population of about 25,000. Agrigulture is the main occupation in that area but unemployment is high and starvation and malnutrition can be seen everywhere.

Please pray for the Rawsons as they deal with a foreign government, arrange for housing, adapt to foreign culture, and learn the Spanish language. Also pray for the additional support they need.

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It Still Takes Courage

by Dick Manion, Exec. Director

The date was February 19, 1887. The place was Cheyenne, Wyoming. On that date, over 100 years ago, on a cold, overcast, winter day, the last stagecoach of the Black Hills Coach Line pulled out of Cheyenne. It was the end of an era. The railroad was to be the new means of travel. Within a short 25 years the automobile would make its first appearance on the rutted dirt roads of our country.

It is hard today for us to imagine the perils and discomforts of traveling on a stagecoach in the dead of winter. The hardships of 100 years ago are as foreign to us as jet travel would have been to people back then. In fact, most hardships, perils, and discomforts of that era--especially those of life-long duration--are unknown to us today. People are generally

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Darrel & Pat Clark

The Clarks are the newest additions to TBM. They will be working with the Bagleys in their church planting ministry in Pleasant Grove, Utah.

Darrel played clarinet with the United States Army Band in Washington, D.C. for five and a half years. Later he transferred to Germany and performed with the 298th Army Band Berlin Brigade. While in Berlin, Darrel accepted the Lord as his Savior through the witness of several members of the Band. Feeling the Lord's call into fulltime service, Darrel left the Army to enter Bible school. He completed his

training in 1987 majoring in Music and Pastoral Ministries.

Pat grew up in a Christian home and came to a saving knowledge of Christ at an early age. Attending Twin Branch Bible Church in Indiana, she began her keyboard abilities. After working 10 years as a secretary in Mishawaka, Pat felt God leading her to Bible school in 1981. Completing her training in 1985, she further developed her skills in Sacred Music. By the Lord's providence, Darrel and Pat met at school and were married in 1986.

In May of 1988, Darrel began seeking a fulltime church position in music and Christian education. Rev. John Miles

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encouraged him to consider church planting in Utah. At first there was much apprehension at the thought of working in Utah; but after visiting the field, they felt this was their place of service. The Clarks will have a varied ministry serving in music, Bible studies, preaching and hospitality evangelism. They will be working under the supervision of Bill Bagley.

Please pray for them as they start deputation in January with the hope of leaving for Utah this spring.

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healthier, wealthier, and safely insulated against the harsh lifestyle of our forefathers.

Does that mean the pioneering days are gone forever? Maybe not. Each time our TBM board interviews a new candidate, perhaps a young couple preparing to leave for the field with limited financial support, I sense a little of that pioneering spirit. I feel as though these new missionaries are leaving on a journey wrought with perils, needs, and discomforts. And, with these missionaries, our board knows that God is more than equal to any difficulties.

But it still takes courage. It takes a full measure of faith to pack up and leave home, family and friends. It takes a firm commitment to the eternal purposes of God for this journey--to leave for France, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, or Utah, to know God will not only meet your need of food and housing, but will guide and protect you in your pursuit to bring glory to His Name.

And, of course, at Christmas we are reminded of the great courage of those magi, nearly 2000 years ago, who journeyed hundreds of miles from Persia to Palestine to find the young child Jesus. May we likewise be willing to journey how ever far it takes--around the world or

around the block--to spread the message of our Saviour. Who knows? This, too, could be the end of an era. We could easily be witnessing our final opportunities to travel freely in taking our Lord's message to a lost world.

I am particularly thankful this Christmas season for the sustaining prayers and gifts of God's people who stand behind our workers on the fields. We really are on the same journey, "laborers together with God." Thank you again for standing with us in this effort. May God grant you a joyous Christmas and blessed New Year!