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Merry Christmas to You

Our Friend,

Greetings in our dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time of the year to focus on Him! Thank **you** for **your** encouragement and prayer support to the MAP Ministry. May **your** holidays be full of excitement and lots and lots of fun. Through **your** faithful support we've been able to help several people get on their feet.

We had a young former Amish lady with three of her children live with us for several weeks while we helped them get birth certificates, Social Security Cards, a Job, housing, and household items. So many of the folks from our home church and people and friends from the community helped out with the household needs. What a blessing to see people come together in times of need.



In October, our family was part of a 5 day Missions Conference at Grace Bible in Shinglehouse, PA. We had some tremendous times of ministering and being ministered to while with these dear folks. Brother Darrell Champlin, the main speaker for the week, and his wife were a great encouragement to us. They informed us of a whole community of Amish people that have come to know Jesus as their Savior. Amen! We met another dear couple, the Evans', at the Missions Conference. They are from Cleveland, Ohio, and have a ministry to their own people, the Gypsies. Roger Hain, pastor of Grace Bible, and his wife Pat, allowed us to stay with them for the whole week of the conference. We all enjoyed ourselves so much. They are the most loving and understanding people. The children had a wonderful time learning how to use a pogo stick and a scooter. They even gave the unicycle a try, which wasn't much of a success, but they had a wonderful time trying.



Esther is busy home schooling each day as well as helping out with the ministry as much as possible. She has had some great times speaking to the ladies in churches that we have been to and is looking forward to speaking to a group of women at First Baptist Church in Wellington next month in a Christmas program. We praise God for how He is using Esther in this way.



Our hearts were encouraged to see two of the young former Amish boys follow the Lord in Baptism. We've been working with these young men for the past several months. Both of them are working full-time jobs and going to school in the evening to get their GED. Joe picks Isaac up at work each day and takes him home because he does not have his drivers license yet. Isaac plans on going to college next year.

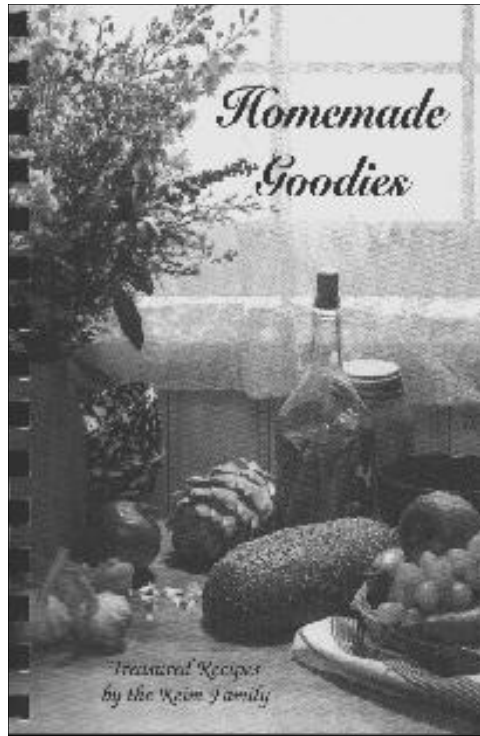
We have some great plans for the future in the area of helping those who leave the Amish pursue their educational needs. It is just another tool by which we will be able to reach the young boys and girls who are leaving the Amish faith by introducing them to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We will let you in on more details as they unfold. Wow! It's just so exciting!

Several weeks ago, a local pastor and Joe visited some Amish in a community near by. Joe shared the whole plan of salvation to the 5 men whom they met that day, but none of them would consider accepting Jesus as their Savior. They even refused to be prayed for at the end of their conversation. One of the 5 men in the group was 18 yr old Levi Shetler, who about two weeks later was riding with his mother in a buggy when a tractor trailer ran full speed in the back of their buggy. For some reason God chose to spare their lives. If you would have seen the buggy you would have wondered in amazement how anyone could have come out alive. Our family went to visit them a couple days after the accident on a Sunday afternoon. Joe began to share the plan of salvation with them and as he was sharing, more and more Amish people came into the house to visit with the Shetler family. During the 45 minutes of laying out the plan of salvation with Bible in hand, our children counted 27 Amish people standing around listening to the salvation story. It was great! Heaven must have been alive with joy. No, no one made a decision that we know of, but praise God they heard the Gospel. We are reminded of the popular scripture in *Isaiah 55:11* *So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.*

Recently our family was invited as special guests to a Thanksgiving dinner where we shared our testimonies to a group of about 25 elderly people. After our testimonies Joe gave an invitation and 5 people got saved. Thank you Lord!

Running the race that is set before us—**with you, Joe, Esther, Jonathan, & Rachel Keim**

Merry



Christmas

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By: Esther Keim

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- Special pages include Esther's salvation *testimony* and *the Recipe to Heaven*.

One cookbook provides 6 Son Light Club lessons, a Bible correspondence course we sent into Amish homes. **Last month we sent out over 500 lessons to Amish boys and girls!** Every month we see salvation decisions made.

The cost per cookbook is only \$10 ea. (this includes shipping and handling). You can make your check or money order out to **Map Ministry** and sent to the following address... **P.O. Box 128, Savannah, Ohio 44874**