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Dear Praying Friend,

Happy New Year! We trust you had a wonderful holiday season, and we pray God's richest blessing upon you in the year to come. During October, November and December, God has richly blessed Independent Baptist Church of Georgetown (IBCG).

At the end of October, a lady named Marlette was saved! Marlette was expecting her first child at the time. She has since had her baby, and she is now looking forward to following the Lord in believer's baptism. Marlette and her husband seem genuinely excited about the church, and we are excited about the opportunity to minister to them.

On Sunday, November 14, IBCG thanked God for our first year (October 5) in Northwest Washington, DC, with three special Anniversary/Thanksgiving services: 10:00 am (looking backward); 11:00 am (looking forward), a meal at noon, and 1:00 pm (looking inward). After (1) inserting 9,000 invitations in area newspapers, (2) placing 2,500 invitations on area doors, (3) personally inviting all local residents who visited the church in the past year, (4) placing ads in local papers, and (5) mailing personal invitations to friends and family of church members; we had a total of 53 for the day with 7 new guests from the area and 2 guests who came back after not visiting the church for several months. We thank God for the new contacts, and we are continuing to pray that we see additional fruit from the day.

In December, God continued to bless with 32 at our Christmas Fellowship on December 18, and on December 19, we had a record number of 31 in our Sunday morning services.

Along with all the good new comes some sad news. In December two faithful guests of the church moved away, and in the next few months, it appears that we are going to lose up to nine more members and frequent guests. We have challenged each of those moving to pray that God replaces them with two others, and we ask you to pray as well.

Thank you again for your continued prayer and financial support.

In Christ,

Rodney Moye, Pastor