

**December 1980**

Dear Friends,

I've received a card that seems to capsulize our reason for writing this letter. "Thoughts of home and Christmas recall warm memories of sweet yesterdays and special friendships... " You are those special friendships. And the Christmas season seems to flood us with many memories of our time spent with you. We trust you are all well and that God is using you where you are.

God certainly has been busy using us and working in us. 1980 has been a year of stretching. Early this year God led the Senior Minister and Music minister to other ministries, leaving Bill to carry the load of shepherding 450 sheep. I can involved with Bill's ministry to youth., and also in the moments ministries. Though it has been a challenging year it has been a super year for us all.

Our sights are still for Africa and eventually it must be as we have just received confirmation that a 3rd little Harding is on the way, due in July (a bit earlier than planned! As it goes!). Drew is three and still exploding with energy and a lot of noise. Ryan is 14 months and as spunky as ever.

In a few days we will find ourselves heading to the East Coast for a third time for another Harding wedding. Gwen married Steve Smith, a pastor in Charlotte on October 18th. Don is marrying Carol Stevenson of Jacksonville, Florida on December 20. Joe., Bills twin, marries Kay Bass from Wisconsin, June 6, 1981. -So the bells have been ringing in our family and it's not just been at Christmas.

I'm thrilled to say all my family are believers now. God used a rough road to bring Charles to himself. He still needs much prayer for temptations are so great. Dan will soon be graduating from C.B.C.

God never ceases to remind us - that He did come to die so we might live in peace - knowing He is in control.

Yours and His,

Grace, for the Hardings