

# NEWSLETTER

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*August 1998. New Orleans, LA. This is the second newsletter from the Little Brown Studio. Since December 1997, the Lord has led this Little Brown on some wonderful faith testing adventures. It would take a three page document to tell you all of it so I won't burden you with that. Just want you to know where we've been, where we are and where we are headed as far as we can see right now. I want you to be able to join with me in gratitude for the blessings and leave you with enough information so that you can partner with me in prayer for journey wisdom. Thanks for your concern for this ministry of my heart.*

## **Where We've Been...**

*+Lakeview B.C. Metairie, LA: Singles Retreat +Charter Oaks B.C. Pearl River, LA: Ladies Retreat +FBC Foley, Alabama: Family Concert +Grace B.C. Folsom, LA: Morning Worship Service +Lakeside B.C. Canton, TX: Morning Worship Service +Parkway B.C. Natchez, MS: Ladies Banquet and Family Concert +Florida Blvd B.C. Baton Rouge, LA: Widows in Ministry +Hopewell B.C. Savannah, TN: Senior Adults were here on campus +Home Church Elysian Fields Ave. B.C. joint concert with Katherine Harper called: Soul Contentment +FBC Thomasville, AL: Soul Contentment concert II +Lowrey Memorial B.C. Blue Mountain, MS: Pastor Appreciation service for my dad +Douglas, GA: sang for the Starkey-Aulds wedding ceremony +Evans Creek B.C. Pearl River, LA: Ladies Retreat*

## **Where We Are... Fall**

*semester 1998 at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. As we open this term, I celebrate my 18th year on staff as Director of Housing and Student Services. Every year, I pray: "Please provide a home for every student." Once again, the Lord has answered my prayer. We definitely got down to the*

*wire. Thankfully, I still did not have to quote the Innkeeper to anyone! I am thankful for my seminary family. I work all week and look forward to the early mornings and the late evenings and the weekend opportunities to sing, teach, write and minister as the Lord leads.*

## **Where We're Headed...**

*August 98: +NOBTS Student Wives Meeting +Grangeville, LA evening concert. September 98: +WBSN Coffeehouse +Greenlaw B.C. Senior Adult Day. October 98: +Tolland, Massachusetts for the third annual Hartland Tour of Prayer and Praise +Morgan City, LA with Dr. Rhonda Kelley +Grawood B.C. Shreveport, LA, Ladies retreat +Evans Creek B.C. HallowHim family night campfire. November 98: +Fairmont Park B.C. LaPorte, TX ladies retreat +N.McComb B.C. McComb, MS ladies retreat. December 98: +Florida Blvd B.C. Baton Rouge, LA Christmas Banquet +Lowrey Memorial B.C. Blue Mtn, MS Winter Bible Study: Joshua. March 99: +Athens, TN ladies retreat +Istrouma B.C. Baton Rouge, LA, ladies retreat.*

## **Highlights of 1998... In**

*January, Bart Walker came to New Orleans and helped me to record The Little Brown Tape. Bart (and many others) prayed me through to that dream. Bart got to hear it come true through the headphones. Thanks, little brother! That same month, my home church asked me to serve as Staff Music Evangelist. It has always been my desire to have direct connections to the local church in all areas of ministry. I believe in the strength of the bride of Christ. I cannot exist apart from the love and nurture of my church family. They have promised to pray for me and hold me accountable to the Lord. I attended the Fresh Fire conference in Baton Rouge led by Kent Henry. His prayer for me to continue in the work of*

*the Lord burns even now in my heart. I took a computer music notation class called Finale. What a joy it was to finally see one of my songs in print! I heard Amy Grant in concert at the Saenger Theater in New Orleans. As she sang some of her old songs, I took a sweet trip back to my gospel and guitar roots. In Mobile, Alabama, I heard Elisabeth Elliot speak. She is one of my faith examples. Through the year, I have done some proofreading of The Letter Book. Lord willing, that book will be in print soon. With the help of Linda Tse, the enclosed brochure was developed. In July, I was able to see some lighthouses on the coasts of Florida and Georgia. Truly this has been an eventful year.*

### **Little Brown Tape...**

*The Little Brown Tape is now ready for distribution. Locke Morgan developed the tape jacket. I think he managed to capture a part of my soul and share it through his gifts for graphic design. There are nine songs on the tape. Each cassette is \$10.00. Please include \$2.00 to cover shipping and handling costs.*

### **Little Brown Light...**

*January 98 marked the beginning of a very unique ministry. The LBL began as a daily devotional thought sent via email only to family members and missionary friends overseas. The original mailing list consisted of eleven people. I have been amazed to see how the Lord even works in cyberspace to touch lives. As of August 15, there were 102 names on the list, representing twelve states and nine foreign countries. My heart for this ministry is to write 365 entries that could become a devotional book. If you would like to receive the LBL each day, write to me via email and I will add your name to the mailing list.*

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**Isaac and Rebekah...** *My musical instruments are personal friends of mine. In 1969, I felt a deep sense of oughtness from the Lord to learn how to play guitar. This year I felt that same urgency to learn to play the flute. My guitar is named "Isaac". So when the Lord miraculously provided a beautiful silver flute, it was only fitting that "she" should be named "Rebekah" (after me) and "Rose" (after the name of my sister in Christ who discovered the flute for me in Massachusetts, much like the servant of Abraham who was sent to find a wife for Isaac...). Please pray for me as I learn to play this new instrument for the glory of God. I believe that wind instruments are a perfect picture of the life-giving breath of the Holy Spirit in us.*

**Batman and Barbie...** *I am still working on the story of the twins who have taken me to "mommy school" for the past seven years. It will be called: Batman and Barbie, The Greatest Kids I Never Had. Another title might be: Memoirs of the UN-mom. This year, they will be in second grade. Jordan pulled a top front tooth during the evening service last Sunday. It was his second one to lose. He walked to the bathroom, proudly showing that tiny, red tooth to every person blessed to be sitting in an aisle seat. He was holding his upper lip with his other hand to display the hole. Jessica had lost several teeth before Jordan lost one. She might be seven minutes younger, but she seems to do everything first. He said in despair and disgust: "Jesca has 'loose' teeth and 'gone' teeth and 'back' teeth already. It's not fayuh, bec!" Just wait till he finds out that one day they will all be "fake" teeth...*

### **Affairs of the Heart...**

*In June 97, my dad had knee replacement surgery in Oxford, MS. I called it prayer warrior knee repair. In June 98,*

*he had open heart surgery in Memphis, TN. I called that one plain old gut check time. He is doing great these days. He walks two miles a day on that one year old right knee and that 67 year old left knee. One month to the day of his double by-pass surgery, he was back in the pulpit again. We truly have a Great Physician. He gave dad a Christian doctor who prayed for him before the surgery. I love my dad. He introduced me to Jesus.*

### **Bible Studies...**

*Joshua & the Stones of Remembrance:* *a bible study that leads you through the book of Joshua, stone by stone.*

*LightMaker, LightKeeper:* *a bible study using lighthouse imagery to shine the light of the Word into your world.*

**Under Construction...** *We are presently working on an internet web page for this ministry. Watch for this address on the world wide web:*



**Until next time...** *The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee perfect shalom peace.*