

# Bixby Bulletin Christmas 2019



Dear Family & Friends,

In all the hustle and bustle of Christmas time, it seems there is always time to sit back and reflect on the last year. For me, it has been a blessed year filled with France, family, and friends.

**FRANCE:** I was able to go back home to France twice this past year. At times, it was bittersweet to acknowledge in my own heart that *"life goes on."* However, I was so blessed to see the church family growing together and continuing on for the Lord. I couldn't have wanted more. And, my visits with my unsaved neighbors were a special joy to me. Each time I go back, they are more eager to see me and more open to talking about the Lord. My French family remains a warm glow in my holiday musings. Please continue to pray for them.



**FAMILY:** The biggest family event for us was the birth of Simeon Robert in France last April. Not only is he my fifteenth grandchild but he also bears his Papi's name which makes him extra special! Spending time with each of my children has been a highlight of the year. Each has blessed me in so many ways. But then again *"life goes on"*—Donna is packing up her things to go to the Central African Republic to serve in an orphanage/school on the mission station where we lived when she was born! Please continue to pray for all of my family, but especially for Donna as she raises support to leave in August for this exciting ministry.



*Donna in CAR where we began our ministry 50 years ago!*



**FRIENDS:** That is all of you! As I officially retired in August, I have realized just how much my heart was wrapped up in the churches here in the States who have supported me through the last 50 years. But once again, *"life goes on."* I want to thank each of you who have sacrificed so much for our ministry over the years. A special thank you to those of you who have let me know your plans for my support in the future. I understand that many of you cannot continue my support, but I have so appreciated those of you who have let me know personally. And to those of you who are continuing my support, thank you so much. It means so much to me as I continue to live by faith as we always did.

I love each of you and guard your memory in my heart. Please continue to pray for me that I will lean on Him alone.

Merry Christmas,

Bonnie Bixby