

contact the families. Ask the families what the most urgent needs are, and then use your discretion as to how much you are able to assist.

### Angel Tree

Check out the Angel Tree at church in the East S.S. classroom. We are again buying gifts for children whose parent is in prison. Help to brighten a child's Christmas by choosing an Angel from the tree. For more information see Dee Reneau.

### Need a Gift and Don't Know What to Get?



If you don't know what to get someone for Christmas, **give a gift that keeps on giving.**

**Heifer Project International** is a way to do that. Instead of material gifts, choose gifts from the catalog to honor your friends, family or business associates—gifts that help struggling families lift themselves out of poverty. You can give a flock of chicks (\$20), flock of ducks or geese (\$30), Honeybees (\$30), share of Rabbits (\$10) or a trio of Rabbits (\$60), share of seedlings (\$10), Tree Seedlings (\$60), Share of a pig (\$10), Pig (\$120), Share of a Sheep (\$10), Share of a Goat (\$10), Goat (\$120), Share of a Llama (\$20), Llama (\$150), Share of a Water

Buffalo (\$25), Buffalo (\$250), Share of a Heifer (\$50), Heifer (\$500). The Gift Ark (\$5000). **You can call 1-800-698-2511.** It is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Credit card orders only. You can also order online at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) or see the order sheet in the pastor's office.

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It's the season to be jolly because, more than at any other time, we think of Jesus. More than in any other season, his name is on our lips. *God Came Near, p. 22*

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### Licensing of William House

**Bill House** was licensed to the ministry by Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren on November 14, 2004 during the morning worship service. Allen Kahler, our District Minister brought the morning message as well as officiating at the licensing service. The church gave Bill a minister's manual of the Church of the Brethren, *For All Who Minister*. Bill is currently in search for a congregation.

### Church of the Brethren to Provide Christmas Eve Service on Christmas Eve on CBS

Television network CBS invited the Church of the Brethren to provide its nationally telecast Christmas Eve service. A different denomination is invited each year. The program **will air 11:35 p.m.-12:35 a.m. Eastern Standard Time** during the slot normally occupied by the David Letterman show. The service was taped Nov.



23 at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Ind., and was produced by the General Board. Those who planned the service were Chris Bowman, pastor of Oakton (Va.) Church of the Brethren, who will deliver the message; music coordinator Shawn Kirchner, minister of music at La Verne Church of the Brethren and a professional musician with the Los Angeles Master Chorale; worship consultant Dawn Ottoni Wilhelm, assistant professor of Ministry Studies at Bethany; consultants Stan Noffsinger and Del Keeney, executive director of the board's Congregational Life Ministries; and executive producer Wendy

McFadden, publisher of Brethren Press. **The Proctor family which included Tim and Juli Proctor, Kylie, Drew, and Katie Cooper from Nettle Creek along with Pastor Carol had the opportunity to be in the congregation for the taping.** Be sure to watch this inspiring service.

### Brethren Press Taking Orders for Christmas Eve Service Items

Brethren Press is taking orders for two resources related to the Church of the Brethren Christmas Eve worship service on CBS: a four-color card to be used as an evangelism tool, bulletin insert, or invitation to be mailed out by congregations; and a DVD/video

