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Dear Friends of the Mission,

Mrs. Ruth (Mackish) Branch went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on April 27, 2010. Mom was at home with family and Hospice at her side. She was 89 years young. Mom's funeral was beautiful and attended by so many of her dear friends from her teaching days in Sunday School and Bible Club at the Mission and also church friends from all over the area. Thank you for all the cards and donations you sent in her honor. Ruth Branch is greatly missed!

The Board of Directors of the Mission voted on a bronze cornerstone on the front of the Mission which reads:

**Rebecca Mackish Memorial Mission
In Loving Memory
Of
Ruth Mackish Branch
April 27, 2010**

This cornerstone was purchased with memorial donations.

Many of you may be wondering what will happen with the Mission now that Mom is not here. Well, this ministry is going strong and will continue to go on for many years to come. The attendance has grown to over 100 kids. On one Friday night, 100 kids came and Daniel had to take 40 back home and opened Saturday night for them to attend. All of these were middle and high school students!!! Daniel teaches the middle and high school students on Monday, Friday and Saturday nights. I teach the elementary students on Tuesday and Thursdays after school from 4:30-6:00 pm., as well as direct the Mission.

I do want to share my story of November 2, 2009 with you. On that day I prayed in the morning around 7:00 am that God would send me two men to help me do work that I was no longer able to do. As I sat with Mom all day, I looked out her window about 3:15 pm and saw a truck pull up with two men in it. They got out and headed up the street. Since they didn't come to her house, I went outside to look for them. They were at the Mission door knocking looking for Barbara Branch!! When I asked why they were here looking for me, they responded by saying that God sent them to do whatever I asked them to do. WOW!!!

I immediately put them to work moving furniture until Bible Club started. I then asked them if they were able to stay for Bible Club and tell their story of how God changed their lives and they informed me that that was exactly why they came – to do an outreach ministry with inner-city students! God works in a mighty way – and FAST!! Daniel has a special way of reaching teenagers by presenting the gospel in a way that they are turning their lives around for Jesus Christ. God answered my prayer and Daniel's prayer.

On October 16th the ministry that Ruth started will celebrate its 39th Anniversary!! It all began in 1972 with two little boys pressing their noses against Mom's screen door wanting to hear about Jesus. The many children who started with Mom that first year will have a reunion in a few weeks at the Mission to celebrate Mom's life and the life of her ministry. What a great time they will have reminiscing those years and telling their stories how Mom touched their lives.

All the Bible Club students went to the Red Hawk Ranch on Saturday, October 9th. They rode horses, rode ATV's, took hayrides, fished, played volleyball and basketball, made S'mores and had a cookout. After four hours of fun, they returned to the Mission exhausted!!

Please take note of our new letterhead. As you can see, the name and address of the Mission has been changed to ***Ruth Branch Ministry, Rebecca Mackish Memorial Mission, 601 Sumner Avenue, Kansas City, Ks. 66101***. The phone number is now, **913- 371-7662**, which is my house number. If you would like to make a contribution to the Mission to help celebrate 39 years and to help keep the Mission moving forward, checks are to be made out to the Ruth Branch Ministry and mailed to the new address. Thank you so much for your faithfulness to the Mission.

May God richly bless you for blessing us through your prayers and contributions.

In Christ,

Barbara Branch, Director