The Brushstroke

Your missionary prayer letter from Portrait

June 2003

Dear Friends,

We've traveled this beautiful country many times and sung for some of the most wonderful audiences ever assembled. The last three months we've stayed close to home – mostly because we had another baby and just needed some time to rest. It's been great sleeping in our own bed, planting flowers, and having friends over for dinner. But lately we're feeling restless and ready to get back on the road.

For over a decade now we've been singing all over North America, and for five years partnering with Greater Europe Mission. The focus of our programs varies depending on the churches, but mainly we increase the visibility and needs of Europe through our concerts. Additionally we help churches with sound system installations and worship training seminars, things that we never expected to do but have found we really enjoy. When we go to Europe on short ministry trips, we not only sing, but also spend time encouraging missionaries, helping meet specific needs and delivering equipment and supplies to missionaries and churches.

At home and on the road most of Pete's days are spent calling 40-60 churches daily, praying with and for pastors and churches all over the world, and fulfilling the myriad of duties related to a traveling music ministry. Pete is also beginning to work on a Masters degree in counseling, in order to be even better equipped to minister.

Recently the folks at Greater Europe Mission asked if we would join the Member Care department to assist missionaries with their growth and development and to encourage them as they serve the Lord. Many of you helped with the Selimbar Girls' Home and we are thrilled to report the Home celebrated its opening in April. We're happy that project is completed, and we're excited about this new development, which will help us be more personally involved with missionaries.

First we ask that you would pray for us. Traveling with two small children is often challenging. Both Alaska (almost three) and Simon (4 months) are good little travelers and we thank the Lord for bringing them into our family. We want them to grow up feeling loved and secure and knowing that God can use them, as they too are a part of the ministry God has called us to.

Second, if you feel led to help with our ministry, please fill out the enclosed pledge card. Anything you contribute will be a blessing, and will allow us to continue going wherever the Lord leads us. A tax-deductible receipt will be sent to you.

Third, we would love to hear from you. At home or on the road, you can reach us by e-mail at **singin@compuserve.com**. Thank you for your love and support. May God continue to bless and use you.

Pete & IMA

Pete & Tina Matteson

UPCOMING CONCERTS

For more details call us at 615-232-9152

June 22 Akron, OH

July 6 Broomfield, CO

July 13 Littleton, CO

July 20 Lakewood, CO

July 27 Metairie, LA

August 17 Kremmling, CO Estes Park, CO

August 24 Burlington, CO

September 14 Olney, OH

September 21 Eight Mile, AL

September 28 Ormond Beach, FL

October 25-27 Orlando, FL

