TO GEORGE HAMMERBACKER
FROM: JOHN & MARGARET PRICE
SUBJECT: PROGRESS REPORT

Listed below Is a report of how far we are along with entering all of our church records into the Church computer. As you know Catherine Young and I started this project in late 1993. At that time, I designed the database and, Cass Young started to enter the information. Shortly thereafter, Margaret Price volunteered her services and took over where Cass left off. At the present time, Margaret is finished entering all the data from the books that are available, which comprise some 27,000 records. { SEE BELOW }

Olga deBloom and I have checked all the record books written in German, and we cannot find the CONFIRMATION, MARRIAGE and the DECEASED records dating from 1873 to 1925. The only books in German we have here at the Church are BAPTISM records and a few MARRIAGE records which Olga has already translated into English.

The church computer now has BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, NEW MEMBER, MARRIAGE and DECEASED records available for comprehensive searches on the computer, which Catherine Young Knows how to do. Also, we have provided the church with five (5) books bound in blue computer printout binders. The names in the books are printed out in alphabetical order for those who do not know how to use the computer but still have a need to use this information.

TYPE OF RECORD	DATES COVERED	TOTAL RECORDS	TOTAL BYTES
BAPTISM	1873-TO-1994	14,103	14,500,000
CONFIRMATION	1927-TO-1994	2,443	1,512,000
NEW MEMBER	1949-TO-1994	483	518,000
MARRIAGE	1926-TO-1994	4,580	5,686,000
DECEASED	1926-TO-1994	4,635	5,950,000
		27,299	28,166,000

In order to keep the computer up to date, Catherine Young should continue to enter all new data from 1995 on into the future so that a continuing entering process will be on going. Additionally, it might be a good idea for Cass to teach someone else how to search for records using the computer database. We believe this endeavor will bring our church into the computer age so that searching for records will no longer be a time intensive process.

Finally, I would like to point out that there are some unavoidable errors in the data that was entered due to illegible or indecipherable handwriting in the books, which was beyond Margaret's control. Additionally, every effort was made to place a comment into the memo box when an apparent or possible error was encountered. However, in most cases, using the power of the computer, there are still ways to search for and find the proper record.

CC: Pastor Armstrong