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## Insight International Braille Outreach Worldwide

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To all our Brothers and Sisters  
Greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

This newsletter will be a bit different in that it contains not only ministry and family news, but also some details about this publication.

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

Since 1993, Greg Palmer has not only faithfully published and sent out this letter for us, but has also seen that it was done in a professional manner. Many people have commented to me about his skill in making the newsletter look nice and easy to read. Because of an exceptionally heavy work load, Greg has requested that we find another person to publish this ministry information. Sally Bowers, a wonderful sister in Christ, and friend, has volunteered to help us bring you news of this outreach to the blind. Greg will work with Sally to familiarize her with the necessary steps to see that you continue to be informed about this work. Greg will also remain on call to help with any problems we may have. On behalf of this ministry, I want to thank Greg for everything he has done to make this work possible. We look forward to remaining in touch with Greg and Sally his wife, and also to working with Sally Bowers.

At this time I also extend condolence to Greg and his family on the death of his father. Greg's dad died in late March. At the funeral, those of us who did not know him well, learned what a powerful instrument of God he was. His labor in the Church as an elder in several places, and his work in the hospice movement are only two examples of his tireless dedication in Christ's service.

### MINISTRY NEWS

Near the end of 2008, we heard about a Russian girl and her father who are both blind. They have never read the scriptures and wanted to do so. A mission group from one of the congregations in Fort Worth, Texas delivered the only Braille book of the Bible we could get at short notice. The girl and her dad were delighted. We recently received more books of the Russian Braille Bible and have sent them to these new students of God's Word. My prayer is that the Bibles we send worldwide, along with many Bible lessons will reach sincere, open and obedient hearts.

For years I struggled and still do so at times, to talk to people throughout the world via ham radio. This communication medium is still important, especially so in times of disaster, such as 9.11 and Hurricane Katrina. As a general rule however, the Internet provides more constant and reliable communications. I continually marvel at the ability to sit at my desk or anywhere there is broadband Internet, and talk with amazing clarity to people around the globe. More and more, this ministry is using the Internet! Recently, we sent a lady in South Africa, an electronic Bible, as well as the scriptures on MP3Cd's. We also sent Bible lessons. Now, we study with her twice a week, using a program called Skype. Often another lady from Sweden, as well as a lady in Ohio joins us as we look into God's Word. For the most part, the reception is very good, and we can read and discuss without difficulty. God is certainly allowing the message of salvation to be sent around the world through this relatively new method. I can also now send Bible lessons via the Internet to those who have a computer and a broadband connection.

In early January, I went to California, both to speak in several places, to meet with the head of the Braille bible production group, and also to meet and spend some time with three blind people who have received Bibles. Because we are in the midst of the already mentioned newsletter change over, we may not get pictures of this visit in this issue, but we hope to do so in the next one. How fantastic to meet with those I had talked to for many months. Please keep them in your prayers. Some of them face health and poverty issues.

This ministry is also now working with John Clayton, who heads the Does God Exist ministry. We are helping to get more of his material in an accessible form which blind people can listen to. Many lessons discuss the evidence for creation, and for the truth of the scriptures. We are also sending out the bi-monthly publication Does God Exist on cassette and hope to begin using a CD format soon.

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## **FAMILY NEWS**

Near the end of March, a violent electrical storm wiped out lots of equipment in the house and office, in spite of the fact that everything that was hit was surge protected. The main office computer was the biggest loss, and we are trying to get a new one so we can use the Braille printer again. Four days later, we discovered that the external hard drive used for back up files had also been destroyed. Thankfully, we used Trisha's computer to create a new back-up hard drive. Television cable boxes, a new radio, the burglar alarm system, are all among the items needing repair or replacement.

Ann stopped therapy on her hand at the end of 2008. It was no longer doing much good and she is doing virtually the same therapy at home. The insurance refused to pay for more. After losing the tips of three fingers on her left hand last May, her hand is about 70 percent back to full strength.

Andre continues to study graphic design at LSU in Baton Rouge. Elise hopes to graduate in May from the Aveda Institute of Cosmetology. She loves her studies there and looks forward to getting a job in that field. I had a wonderful visit there, talking to the staff about how to help blind people, and we can never know what doors for the Lord this may open.

## **FINANCIAL NEWS**

Regarding finances, we have lost support from two families, totaling \$200 monthly. I am searching to recover the loss. My main concern now however, is to try and find help so that my assistant can become full time. It is a wonderful fact that this ministry has increased tremendously, but I just can't keep up and do things I need to do with the current help. Eventually, I am trying to find \$1,000 more a month, so that my assistant can quit her school bus driving job, and can work both morning and afternoons here in the office. If any of you know of mission works which may be ending, or of other possible sources of support from churches or individuals, please let me know. The funds can certainly come from several places so that the financial burden can be shared.

As usual, there is more news than space allows. I close by asking you to please pray for me as I travel and speak, both in the US, and this summer in Europe. Ann hopes to join me for part of the time as well. The children also need your prayers as they study, travel, and walk with God. Thank you for making this outreach to blind people throughout the world possible.

In Christ's love and joy,

Glynn, Ann, Andre, and Elise Langston