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Greetings in Christ, and welcome to the second quarterly newsletter for 2009.

We thank God for each of you who continue to support this outreach ministry to the blind with your prayers and financial assistance. As you will see in the following letter, God is allowing us to send many Bibles, and He is also providing the increase to His Kingdom.

MINISTRY NEWS

Since I sent the last newsletter to you, two ladies from a Hindu background have put on Christ. They were baptized into Christ after considerable Bible study on the part of brothers Philemonrajah and Kingslyrajah. As you know, God allows us to provide Bibles, other material, and financial assistance so that they can devote much of their time to working with some of the 20 to 25 million blind people in India. Please don't forget to pray for these and other Christians. Both their spiritual and physical lives face many challenges! They need God's people to hold up their hands through prayer.



I think that I mentioned in the last newsletter that we had begun a study with Emma in South Africa. She has asked me to increase the study to three times a week, and she is soaking up knowledge like a sponge! Our discovery through God's Word began after she requested an MP3 Bible on CD. She enjoyed studying the scriptures so much that she has now asked for an electronic talking Bible, as well as for the scriptures in Braille. We study on the internet program called Skype, and others from Sweden and the US have joined us from time to time. I am trying to keep this particular study small, both for good connection purposes, but also to allow Emma to ask any questions she likes. We are now studying the book of Mark, and then plan to go into the book of Acts. Please pray that Emma will obey the Gospel, and that we can find her a Christ-centered church to attend. I am in touch with people in her country, and one of our members from the Riverside Church may visit her when he goes to South Africa to see his family.

Several days ago I went into a prayer group that I join on Skype from time to time. It is composed of people from several religious backgrounds, and does provide teaching opportunities. A couple from Pakistan (won't name them here for their security) joined us. I called them on the computer, and we had a very interesting conversation. They are both blind, are educated, and are members of the Moslem religion. They seem to be moderate in belief, and I pray that we can begin a dialog which will lead them to Christ. It is rare that we have people from Pakistan who have such a reliable internet connection, and who seem so open minded. Their English is excellent. I ask God to help me in knowing how to present the Gospel in a loving, firm, and attractive manner to this couple, who are married and expecting their first child in November. Their nation is facing monumental problems from the Taliban and from other extremist groups.

I received an email from the nation of Myanmar (formally Burma). Missionaries can't get into the country as such, but Christians do go in for medical and other aid purposes. So far, I have not found any Bibles in Braille or on audio in Burmese, but the search is by no means over.

This past week, we received a request from a handicap self help group in Mumias, Kenya. Justus Ombucha works with them, and he sent a request for 55 Bibles - 30 in Braille, 10 in large print, and fifteen on cassette and CD. Both English and Kiswahili Bibles are needed. We try to send Bible lessons with the Bibles we send.

Here in Ireland, I attended a function for about 100 blind people, and was given a good opportunity to offer the scriptures to them. So far two people have asked, and I expect more requests to come in. Social workers from

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Ireland have phoned the office twice recently asking for the scriptures for blind people who are their clients.



We continue to send out electronic, talking Bibles, along with lessons to many blind people. Most of them are in the US, but we have sent these electronic Bibles to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Canada, and the UK as well.

FAMILY AND OTHER NEWS

From time to time, I forget to label something in Braille, or just don't take the time. This can be a big problem if you are expecting peas or something else nice for dinner, but instead you open dog food or something you don't want! I had often wondered if a web cam could help, so we tried it. Both Ann in the US, and my sister in the Bahamas, were able to identify the can or bottle I was holding, and were able to tell me what it was from thousands of miles away - another use for a web cam, YEA!

Elise graduated from the Aveda Institute of Cosmetology in May, and has a job starting in August, God willing. She hopes to join us in Ireland and France this year, and she is really excited to see her long time friends. Her coming is a graduation gift from relations and from us. She has worked very hard and we are proud of her.

Andre continues summer studies at LSU in graphic design. He is doing well, and did join us here two years ago. Please pray that our children will walk close to God!

Ann hopes to join me in late June. Not only is it really wonderful to see her, but she also helps me in getting to where I need to go to speak and teach. She does not begin teaching Montessori classes until August.

FINANCIAL NEWS

We continue to try and recover \$200 monthly lost when two families had to stop helping us because of the economic crisis. After the lightning strike of 25 March, we recently discovered that the Braille printer was also damaged by lightning, and it must be sent to Florida for repair. Depending on future support, I would like to, and very much need to take on a full time assistant. This would cost about \$1,000 monthly more than I now spend. If any of you know of individuals or congregations who can help even in part with any of these needs, please get in touch with me.

We thank God for Sally Bowers, and the work and time she spends in doing a fantastic job in publishing and sending the newsletter for us. We are getting through the teething problems with the change-over, but are always delighted to know that you are getting this. You can either write Sally at her email address on this letter, can phone the office at: 337-896-1351, or write us at: Box 730 Carencro, LA 70520. Even when traveling, I try to check the office phone and email at least once or twice daily.

May our God supply all your needs, and may He grant you peace, protection, and joy in Christ! Thank you so very much for helping this ministry and our family.

Your petitions to God are very much needed!

In Christ's love and joy with thanks,

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