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Greetings in Christ to each one of you,

The past three months have brought joy, family time, travel, and some sorrow as well. Please join me as I take this limited space to bring you some of the highlights of these full months.

MINISTRY NEWS

Since I last wrote to you, God has led four more blind people into His Kingdom. After considerable study, they were baptized into Christ after recent Bible camps in south India. We are delighted that they are now enjoying the blessings only found in Christ's Kingdom!! At the most recent Bible camps, these four put on Christ, four more are near becoming Christians, and twenty asked for the scriptures on cassette in various languages. These new Christians, as well as those who are learning about Jesus, need your prayers please.

Emma Goodwin from Wellington, South Africa has been studying with me for some months on the internet. Johan Adendorff, a deacon at the Riverside Church where we worship, contacted Derick Beukus, who lives just over an hour from her. They are in touch, and are arranging for Emma to obey our Lord as soon as possible. I continue to remain in contact and to study with her.

We have received requests for Bibles from a new brother, John Williams in India, as well as requests from several countries, including Ireland, the Philippines, Kenya, Poland, the UK, and the US. A lady near Krakov, Poland is looking for a Bible in Braille, and one in audio. I continue to look for the scriptures in Polish Braille, and have found them in audio for her.

Ann and I met with two ladies in California who are blind and one young man in the Midwest. They have all received Bibles, or will soon do so. Two of them have asked for CDs on the subject of baptism. I can also do internet studies with them. Without giving too much detail, the young man of 20 was brought to the US from Mexico when he was five. His parents thought, and rightly so, that he would have more chance for opportunity and education in the US. He successfully went through school, and is very intelligent. The only problem is that his parents are illegal immigrants, and so is he. He is trapped in a situation which came about long before he was of age to do anything about it, and because of this status, he is blocked at every turn from further education and advancement. While I am most certainly against illegal immigration, our heart goes out to him, and we are trying to help where we can. He was so excited when I showed him the Courier electronic talking Bible, since he does not have space for God's Word in Braille.



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FAMILY NEWS

We were saddened to lose Ann's Aunt Libby (Mrs. J.H. Flathers),aged 95, who died in Odessa, Texas at the end of October after a short illness. We were very close to her. She visited us twice in Ireland, and several times here in Louisiana as well. She was a witty, brave, and exemplary servant of the King, and will be missed very much, but we do not grieve as those who have no hope!

As Elise becomes more established in the hair dressing business, and with Andre continuing university courses in Graphic design, Ann and I have had a chance to spend some time together. Her Montessori teaching schedule has a bit of flexibility, and she was able to join me in Ireland and we have also had some time together since I returned in October. Balancing the needs of this ministry and family time is always a challenge, but so far God is working with us to allow both.

FINANCIAL NEWS

As we suspected, after the lovely little commercial we received from Blue Cross, telling of their "fantastic" benefits, several weeks later we received their annual monthly premium increase, this time for around \$140 monthly, thus bringing our monthly premiums to around \$850 per month, with a deductible of \$5,600! We have changed companies eight or nine times since we came back from Ireland, but because of previous medical history, we are locked into this one. Of course, we continue to investigate other options, but for now we are forced into this continuing and most unsatisfactory situation!

Many missionaries have been adversely affected by the world economic down turn. Just now, we know of two congregations who support us who may be forced to cut back or cut out their monthly help. This means less money for Bible camps, for office work, and for travel to speak on behalf of this ministry to the blind. It also means much time spent in trying to find new sources of support. Please pray with us that these cuts can be avoided. One thing which would help, aside from monthly support, is one-time end of year contributions. We budget these one time gifts throughout the year, and are most grateful to God for them. At the end of 2008, one-time contributions were down, so we ask that if you know of any congregations or individuals who can help, please inform them of this need or let me know.

You probably remember that in March, in spite of surge protectors, lightning completely destroyed a computer, external hard drive, and several other pieces of equipment in the office. The Braille printer was damaged and the repair bill is just over \$1300. This is still cheaper than spending \$11,000 for a new one, so I am opting to have it repaired, although it has served us since 1994. Audio and large print play the largest part in this ministry, but Braille still plays a significant role in our outreach to blind people. Actually, the office damage was much greater than we first thought. The insurance company is asking for some sort of fire test which we simply did not have done.

We also now have a PayPal account, which can be used by anyone who wants to help with this ministry, and which should be accessible by using my email address: insightbow@aol.com

As I conclude, I want to ask your forgiveness if you have written, phoned, or sent funds, and I have not acknowledged these. I try to respond to each one, but with all the travel, and as most items must be read to me, I am sure that I have slipped up on a few occasions. Please know that Ann and I deeply value everything that each of you do to make this ministry possible.

We wish you a safe and wonderful holiday season, with family and friends. After some recent personal encounters, Ann and I realize even more fully how very blessed we are, especially how blessed in knowing Christ, and in being allowed to work in His vineyard! May our Lord guide, protect, and bless each of you. With love and thanks in Christ,

Glynn, Ann, Elise, and Andre Langston