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Insight International Braille Outreach Worldwide

Please consider this ministry in estate planning.

Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ, who support this ministry to the blind with your prayers, finances, and your many expressions of love and concern.

It seems so far behind us now, but may I still wish each of you a Christ centered, and very happy New Year. I know that some of you suffer with severe health problems and with family bereavement, and we do pray for those we know about. We ask that God will work in your lives for healing, but also that He will grant you peace, something which seems that so much of our world knows little or nothing about! We also thank you for the cards and letters, which you sent to us over the holiday season. We just can't answer everyone, but we do read and appreciate each of them. Now, please let me tell you about God's providence in this ministry to the blind.

MINISTRY NEWS

On 24 March, the very day I began this newsletter, I received an email concerning the Bible camp in India. God permits us to support this work with the blind by providing Bibles in several languages, as well as other material, plus we are currently sending \$1125 each month for this outreach. The following is from Brother Kingsly's email, as he recounts the results of the latest Bible camp:

"Dear and Respected Brother Glynn,

"Greetings and loving wishes to you and your family. Thank you so much for your love and support for the Gospel work among the visually handicapped in India and nearby countries.

"Brother, as we planned, we had the Insight Bible camp for the blind people in Chennai our state capital and it was a tremendous success. We expected some 110 Blind people and we were happy that 100 visually handicapped people turned positively. Brother Philemonrajah and the local preacher from Chennai city both taught the blind people with Gospel message. At the end of Brother Philemon's message, some 11 blind people decided to take baptism and we have guided them to the local preacher to help them to take baptism as they were not immediately ready.

"Brother, we have also given each of them gift packets containing bathing soap, washing soap, hair oil, tooth paste and talcum powder. Also we have given them all a good non vegetarian food with chicken. They all were so happy and thanked us. And mainly we have given the school and college going blind people students with Empty Audio cassettes for them to record their school and college lessons and use it. We have given them those who requested, 45 numbers of the New Testament in Audio. Also here with I have given more names of the blind people those have requested the New Testament in Audio."

He then gives a list of 53 people who want audio Bibles in Telugu, Tamil, and English. Apart from English, these Bibles are not yet available on CD, so we must send them on cassette. We are also working on another even longer list of those who want Bibles in some of the various languages of India. The fact that eleven blind people decided to become Christians at this camp is, of course, the best news! We are so thankful that they have local preachers to study with, so that they will understand the Lordship of Christ in their lives, and what commitment to Him, as well as what scriptural baptism means. Please keep these people in your petitions to God. They live in a society which is often openly hostile to Christianity, and in general their material goods are few, yet they have found tremendous "wealth" in Jesus!

Still staying in India, I am happy to tell you that two blind Christians are now running the equipment which prints the Braille religious magazine in the Tamil language.

In June there is an international mission conference with people from the Church gathering in Manila, Philippines from many countries. Brother Philemonrajah is representing this ministry to the blind, and letting people know that we can provide the scriptures in many Asian languages for the blind. Please pray that through this effort many lives can be touched with the saving gospel of Christ.

In Mombasa, Kenya, Brother Joseph Juma has contacted a group of around 40 blind people, and he has sent us a list of those wanting Bibles in Swahili and English.

The Courier talking Bibles which we send are becoming ever more popular. We send them to nations where the person receiving them has a good command of the English language. We often send other Bible-related material with these units. Each one contains two complete Bibles, and for the first time ever, a person can bring their entire Bible to a class or study. Each unit is only the size of a cassette, just a bit thicker.

The Newsletter is now available by email. Please email Glynn at insightbow@aol.com and request your name to be added to the email list.

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Every day I am more amazed at the power of the Internet to spread God's Word. In one day alone I spoke on Skype to people in Pakistan, Poland, Ireland, and several places in the US. I am in a discussion with moderate Muslims in Pakistan, and have sent a Braille Bible to Poland and am talking to the lady who received it. The internet ministry alone could certainly be a full time ministry to the blind, as more blind people discover this revolutionary method of communication, and as it becomes ever more affordable! Never in human history have we as blind people had such access to information as we now have through the internet!



Students at the Chennai Bible Camp for the Blind show their Bibles on tape.



A Bible study at the Chennai Bible Camp for the Blind



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Blind campers are given a nutritious meal

FAMILY NEWS

Andre loves his studies in video and visual art at LSU. Ann and I notice that he has far more interest in this major, and that he is gaining a better level of maturity. He hopes to graduate next year. Elise enjoys working in a beauty salon, and slowly but surely her clientele is growing. She hopes to take a Dave Ramsey financial class offered on Tuesday nights at the congregation where we worship. Her boyfriend Ross has been coming to church with her, so please pray that he will obey the gospel. Ann continues teaching in the Montessori school. When time and circumstances permit she travels with me to various places, where I speak to congregations and other groups; at times we meet with blind people as well. Our reception from fellow Christians, and from those who want Bibles is truly inspiring! Many blind people whom we visit are simply delighted to have someone take an interest in their lives. I am now preparing to go to Europe in May, for several months of speaking and teaching in various places. This depends on some medical checkups in April.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Thankfully, end of year contributions will allow us to keep this outreach ministry at the current level, provided we don't lose any support. Two churches that help us are having budget problems, but they are doing everything possible not to cut our support. One concern is the office air conditioning system. The repair crew has been out three times, and it seems that the freon coils are leaking. We may need a new unit soon, as the frequent repairs are not holding, and are only increasing costs. The heat pump serves as both a cooling and heating system, and it is around fifteen years old.

May our God provide for all your needs and concerns. I close with a text, which is used on the Skype mood text by a young man who is blind, and who lives in Hong Kong; we sent him audio Bibles in Cantonese and English: "happy moments, praise God; difficult moments, seek God; quiet moments, worship God; painful moments, trust God; every moment, thank God."

with thanks and love in Christ,

Glynn, Ann, Andre, and Elise Langston