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Please consider this ministry in estate planning.

Greetings in Christ to each of you,

This past quarter has contained disappointment, and frustration, but also some wonderful news. Please join me as we explore a bit of ministry and family happenings since the last letter.

MINISTRY NEWS

From time to time we send Bibles, but lose track of what happens to them and where they are used. About a year ago I received a request from World Bible School for Braille Bibles to be sent to the state of Andra Pradesh in India. We had not heard from this congregation of the Church before, and knew little about these brothers and sisters in Christ. After getting the Braille Bible for them I could only communicate by post as we had no email address for them. After almost a year we received a wonderful letter of thanks for the Braille Bibles. The best news, however, is that two blind people have now put on Christ in baptism. They are absolutely delighted to have God's Word in Braille, and they continue to study and grow in the Lord! Not only are they united in marriage, but they are united in Christ as well.

Two more blind people have also obeyed the gospel at the Bible camps in the state of Tamil Nadoo in south India. Several more have requested study from local preachers. Please petition our Father on behalf of all these new Christians and Bible students.

We just finished sending out ninety boxes of cassette and CD Bibles, tape players, and other material to India and Kenya. Brother Joseph Juma has begun a work with about forty blind and visually impaired people in Mumbassa, Kenya. I received a very nice email from the head of the group, thanking us for the Braille and large print Bibles, and requesting more. Certainly more people become Christians when they have a local minister of the gospel to work with them, and Brother Juma is a most willing servant of God in this area. His computer is old and is not working. I am trying to get funds to help him to buy a reliable one so that we can stay in contact more frequently.

Brother Justus Ombucha of Mumias, Kenya has also requested more Swahili and English Bibles in large print and in audio. One of the problems we are having concerns budget cuts for those who produce these Bibles, and we pray that full production and distribution can be completely restored soon.

A group in Emo state, Nigeria also needs Braille, large print, and cassette Bibles and we are working to get the scriptures to them.

Some of you have seen the small Courier Talking Bible which we send out mostly to English speaking countries. I have received many wonderful testimonials from blind people who can carry around and use their Bibles freely for the first time ever. We also send CD's containing Bible study information and other topics. Just keeping enough copies of these CD's is quite a challenge.



Glynn with boxes of Bibles to be shipped to India and Kenya



Baptism at camp for the blind in India

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Joseph Juma and helpers receiving Bibles in Kenya



Chairman for the blind receiving Braille Bible from Joseph Juma and his wife in Kenya

FAMILY NEWS

This newsletter should have been written from Ireland, as I am normally there or in Europe, speaking and teaching at this time of the year. A set of circumstances conspired to make a visit this summer difficult, however, and I don't know if I will be able to go in July or August. Some family medical tests, adjusting to new medication on my part, and the volcanic ash cloud from the Icelandic volcano were factors in my decision to postpone speaking and teaching there at this time. The ash cloud closed airports in Ireland and other parts of Europe and this may happen again. I would not want to be stranded if my family needed me here. Yes, I am indeed disappointed not to go, but it's not all about me, and besides, there is plenty of ministry work to be done on both sides of the Atlantic! At least my system seems to be adjusting to some new medication and I am not as sick as I was. My last tests showed rather severe hypertension, and very high cholesterol, and the battle is on to find a medication that helps. Of course, I continue exercising and trying to control what and how much I eat. Because I am usually in Europe for the summer, Louisiana heat is something I haven't experienced for several years. The blood pressure medicine I take will not allow me to spend much time in the sun. The medical tests for my parents are ongoing, but so far the results are not as bad as we had feared.

Elise loves her hair dressing job and is slowly building a clientele. She is able to pay a good portion of her bills and is very responsible, taking over payments as she is able.

Andre is in summer school at LSU, doing his best to finish as quickly as he can. God willing, his degree in video art will be the first such degree issued from LSU.

Ann is helping me in many ways, and is also working on house, garden, and office projects which we had put off for years.

FINANCIAL NEWS

We are so thankful that, so far, no new budget cuts have affected this ministry or our personal support. We are only too aware of the current economic situation, and the terrible loss of life and the economic impact in this state due to the horrible oil spill! Our goal is to try to maintain current support levels, and not begin any new and expensive projects. There is also the question of trying not to spread oneself too thin, and I feel just about at the limit of what I can do just now. We thank God for all of you who help this work, both with prayers and with financial support!

Without you, we could never reach blind people who need God's saving message. May each of you have a safe and really pleasant summer. When we know about individual needs you have, we try to include these in our prayers. May God guide and bless you in every way, and may each of us claim the peace which God promises to those of us who belong to Him.

in Christ with thanks,

Glynn, Ann, Andre, and Elise Langston