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Dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

As 2011 closes, Ann and I want to thank each of you for all the wonderful and steadfast help which you have given to both this ministry and to our personal support. Some of you have helped us since December 1971, when we began work on the mission field. We simply can't reach people throughout the world without your prayers and support, and you can be assured that many people are now members of God's precious family because you care enough to partner with us in this outreach to the blind and visually impaired.

Near the end of this letter I have a personal prayer request and would appreciate your petitions to God regarding this matter.

MINISTRY NEWS

Last week, I was put in contact by email and later by Skype, with a lady called Hannah Mae in the Philippines. As a result of receiving too much oxygen after a premature birth, just as I did, Hannah is totally blind. She has extensive contact with many blind people in that nation, with an estimated population of 94 million souls. The island country contains 1 to 2 million blind people. Hannah Mae requested one of our electronic talking Bibles, and her English is good enough to read and understand it, and also to comprehend the CD's we send. She is looking for a Christ centered, Bible based congregation near enough to her house. We can also get and send audio Bibles in Tagalog, the most popular language in the Philippines. Please pray that we can, not only help Hannah to come to Christ, but also that we may reach many people who want to learn about Him.

Because India is home to between 20 and 25 million blind people, and because there are many Christians in that nation who can maintain personal contact and study with those to whom we send Bibles, that nation continues to feature prominently in this ministry. We send Bibles and other material to several regions of this vast country, and we send monthly financial assistance to help with the Bible camps to bring blind people to Christ. I don't normally put long quotes in this letter, but felt that this one is worth your reading. Brother Kingslyrajah begins by mentioning the need for year end gifts to poor blind Christians, and then he tells of a new congregation founded and mostly composed of blind people. His letter follows.

Dear and loving brother Glynn and family,

Greetings and love from your brothers in India and their family. Thank you for your love towards the Christians here who are visually challenging.

Brother, this year god willing we will help some blind people with a one time year end gifts like new dress, rice bag and one time good food. I would like to humbly affirm you that we don't want to give you financial burden, but these are blind people among whom most of them are aged widows and men and other end most of them are young students in schools and colleges who all are more or like destitute from their families since they have become Christians. So please pray and help them this year end with this one time gifts. They will be very much thankful for the Lord and His church. And we are helping only to those who are very much faithful attending all the bible studies and worship services. For this year we will need nearly 1800USD for giving these yearend gifts as we had some more blind people obeying the lord in baptism in this year end along with the blind people who are worshipping with us. Again I would like to humbly share with you that the condition of these blind people are very much worse, with very dirty and torn away clothes, still not going after any denomination church for help but faithfully worshipping with us. So we with your help want to show them the real love of Christ and His Church. The older blind people are very good in encouraging other new blind people to study the word of God. So please pray.

Also I would like to share one more happy news with you that, last month a new worship is started at a new area called Tindivanam due to the efforts of one blind couple, who were our insight camp contacts some 10 years back and who also lived in the Glynn's home for some years. We encouraged them to be evangelistic minded and now through our encouragement from last month worship is started in their home with their family members and every week some 8 to 10 people are worshipping. This is a great example by the blind couple who were with us for many years. Please pray for the house church to grow. Every month for nearly 2 or 3 weeks we are going and encouraging them. Thank God for He is honoring the efforts of these ordinary men like us.

Once again our humble thanks for your kindness

With love

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A blind man in India receiving a free audio Bible



Joseph Juma and church members with Braille Bibles in Ukanda, Kenya

The ministry to the blind in Mombassa, Kenya, under the direction of brother Joseph Juma Mukawa continues to progress well. Joseph travels extensively, delivering Bibles and studying with blind people in a large area of Kenya. Several of them are quite near to putting on Christ in baptism.

FAMILY NEWS

I would appreciate all prayers for an operation I must have soon to correct a hernia, discovered during a recent CT scan. Other relatively minor medical problems remain to keep me in discomfort, but the hernia seems to require more immediate attention. We are rushing to try and have this surgery completed by the end of 2011, as our \$5600 deductible restarts in January. Please pray for a successful outcome of this operation with minimum recovery time and also that I will trust in the Lord and not be overanxious.

Ann, Elise and Andre are well, apart from the normal colds of the season, but Andre is having more problems with the leg which was operated on in 2005. A good bit of muscle tissue was removed, and he may have to go for medical help. Again, we are trying to have this looked after before the new deductible begins.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Indeed the health insurance premiums did go from \$992, to \$1083 beginning in December of this year. We are however most thankful that, partly due to help from concerned Christians, our medical savings account for \$5,800 is funded for the coming year. Certainly we would prefer not to meet our insurance deductible, but we thank God that the account is there for various medical needs.

Because of several cost increases in various areas, I am trying to raise an additional \$300 monthly in personal support, and would be most grateful for any leads to new sources of support.

Concerning ministry finances, we pray that end of year gifts are sufficient to meet the 40 percent of our budget which comes from year end gifts. We have increased monthly support to the work in Kenya, and would like to increase it more when financial conditions allow. Your assistance makes this help to India and Kenya possible, and also covers my extensive travel, publicity, and office staff and expenses.

I close by wishing each of you a safe, and most enjoyable Christmas, and a healthy and happy 2012. If we all strive to seek God's Kingdom first, 2012 will be a successful year whatever is in store for each one of us. We thank you again for all that you do for us, and we ask for your prayers for this ministry and for our family.

In Christ's love and joy,

Glynn, Ann, Andre, and Elise Langston