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Dear beloved in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Our last newsletter was sent in December, 2011, so there is more than enough news to fill the space for this one. Ann and I thank each of you who sent cards, emails, and who phoned during the Christmas/New Year's season. Even though we can't respond to all of them, we assure you that we read and appreciate each one. Your concern for this ministry, and for us is truly encouraging!

MINISTRY NEWS

Since I last wrote to you, we rejoice in the fact that three men have put on Christ in baptism. They are all in south India, but not in the same place. One man was taught by his girlfriend, and they recently married. All of these new brothers in Christ have places to study and worship, and they ask for your prayers to be faithful under difficult conditions. There are also many other blind people currently studying God's Word, thanks to the various Bible camps in that nation.



Baptism in India



Prayer and Bible study before baptism

The work with the blind in the region of Mombasa, Kenya under Brother Joseph Mukewa, his wife Lucy, and their children continues to go really well! Joseph tirelessly helps many of these people with practical needs and transportation, and this has opened many doors for God's Kingdom. Several of those he helps have visited or are attending worship services, and are open to teaching Christ's saving message. Joseph has traveled as far as 250 miles to deliver the Bibles we send, and to speak in schools. We recently increased support to him to \$300 monthly as long as funds are available. Two people obeyed the Gospel last year.



Joseph Mukewa at a workshop for the blind



Joseph Mukewa and Israel, who traveled 250 km to receive his Braille Bible

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I am in touch via Skype with people in the Philippines. Three have requested the electronic talking Bibles. The parents of one of those making the request were visiting California and hand carried the Bibles back to the Philippines. I had been looking for Christians in the Philippines. On 19 February, Ann and I visited the large and very friendly congregation of the Summerville Church of Christ, near Charleston, SC. By God's providence, they are just beginning support for a family who left for the Philippines, and whom I hope to contact when they get settled. This family may be able to help provide personal study for these people who asked for Bibles.

One of the most difficult decisions to make involves when to give practical help, as the main focus of this ministry must stay on providing Bibles. After talking on Skype to a blind couple in Pakistan for over a year, I happened to find out that they had absolutely no hot water coming into their apartment! They showered and washed their baby, clothes, and other items with cold water, or with what the husband could carry for them to heat on the stove. The temperature in Islamabad where they live was in the thirties when I found this out. Yes, this family is Moslem, but open to discussing the scriptures. He teaches blind people, and she stays home, looking after their baby son. After a few days, being distressed by their situation, I asked the cost of a hot water system, which was around \$450, including installation. We sent the money to them via Western Union, and among all the Skype messages, emails, and phone calls of thanks, was the one which told me that they had just had their first warm shower. The husband's back was actually hurt from trying to carry water to heat daily. About a year ago, they actually asked a large denominational group for assistance, but received none, and so they were unbelievably thankful for the help. The situation is very delicate, given where they live, and their family religious background, but who knows where this will lead, and even if it doesn't help to bring them to our Lord, God has allowed us to do a much needed deed in Christ's name. Please pray about my continuing communication with them. For reasons of possible persecution, I won't reveal their names here.

We continue to send the scriptures to blind and visually impaired people in other nations as well. The electronic talking Bibles are popular, and in March I was in Chicago with Ann, our daughter Elise, and her friend Jennifer. After meeting and lunch with a friend, Claire Marchal, daughter of Jacques and Josette Marchal, whom some of you may remember, we took the opportunity to visit a couple and to demonstrate these talking Bibles to them. He is blind and the wife is partly sighted. They have two lovely little girls and they have asked me to come back. The husband Ralph phoned, asking for a Bible several weeks before we came, and after seeing how it works, his wife Jerlynn wants one also.

FINANCIAL NEWS

We face the challenge of raising lost support. \$100 was recently lost when a family had urgent medical needs, and we pray God's blessing on them in this matter. In February, I also had an email from a large congregation in Texas, informing me that their support of \$600 monthly would be phased out by increments in the next 2 years, beginning this June. Thankfully, one time contributions at the end of 2011 will help keep our budget running at the planned level until the end of this year, but it is urgent that we find new sources of help. Please send this newsletter to any congregation or individual who may be able to help, along with your recommendation. When we receive one time gifts we budget them through the year on a monthly basis. Ministry costs, including monthly mission commitments, office staff, utilities, and travel necessary to publicize this outreach are around \$90,000 yearly. People can also contribute via PayPal, using my email address: insightbow@aol.com. I also give updates on Facebook from time to time, but really don't know how to use it well. If you wish to be friends that way, just send me a request, but please, all important and personal correspondence by email should be to the address I just gave.

FAMILY NEWS

Our son Andre was accepted into a yearlong program in Northeast England to work on a Master's degree in digital modeling for animation. He left at short notice in late January, and, while we miss him very much, we hope that these studies will help him to find a job.

I appreciate your messages of concern for the hernia operation which I had in December. Life is mostly back to normal, but I do have twinges of soreness at times, and still can't lift extremely heavy items.

I would appreciate prayers for travel in April to Ireland, which serves as my base, as I publicize this ministry, and also speak and teach throughout that nation, in the UK, and in other countries in Europe for several months.

May our Lord, guide, strengthen, bless and comfort you as needed. We thank you for all that you do to allow us to reach blind people throughout the world.

in Christ's love with thanks,

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