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Greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ,

We continue to thank God on a daily basis for your love, prayers, and for your steadfast support. God is blessing this outreach to the blind, and here are just a few examples of what he is allowing us to do.

MINISTRY NEWS

Just after I sent the first quarter letter, we received word that a blind couple had taught two sighted people the Gospel in south India, and that both were eventually baptized into Christ. We also had news of another man putting on our Lord in baptism. This is the second time I know of where blind Christians have taught sighted people about the Lord. I know of at least seven more people in India, and 2 more in Kenya who are near obeying the Gospel. Please remember them in your petitions to God.

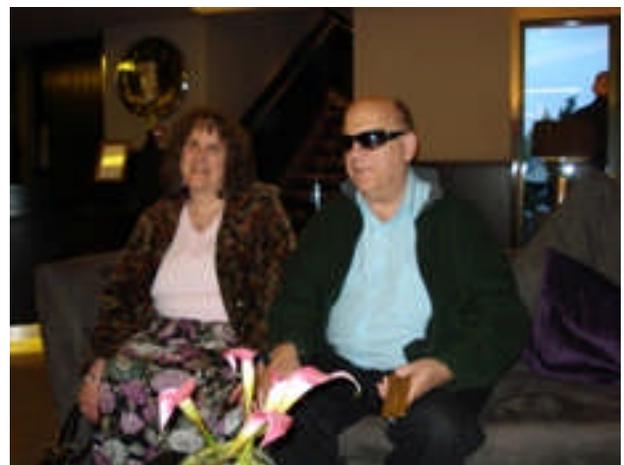
In the last letter, I told about helping a family in Islamabad, Pakistan to have hot water in their apartment. The system is working well, and we have several testimonials from them, thanking us for this wonderful change in their lives. One never knows if physical help will bring visible results, but we do these things because they are right. In this case however, the family, who are Moslem, recently asked for Bibles in the Urdu language, as well as for cassette players. Five brothers and sisters in the immediate family are totally blind; one lady is a teacher, and she wants to give the minority Christians in her small village school more opportunities to study the scriptures. Her attitude would certainly not be encouraged by the majority of the population in that nation. They received the Bibles and we are in touch by Skype and email. The cassette players can also be hand cranked, which is a good feature for places with little or no electricity. This is a delicate situation, and they need your prayers, and we do also, so that we will know how to help to show them Christ's love and salvation. They have offered to send us pictures for the newsletter, but we do not have them yet.

On Sunday, 17 June, Ann and I were in East Kilbride, Scotland, where I presented this ministry to a congregation of the Lord's Church. Our reception was incredibly fantastic, and two people asked for the scriptures, one in large print, while another lady requested God's Word in an electronic talking Bible. She is totally blind and uses a guide dog.

While in Scotland, we also visited and had dinner with Eve and Adrian Smyth. Eve is totally blind, and we both worked together in the early 90's to begin a Braille ministry. Eve printed many tracts in Braille. Now this outreach has expanded to include Bibles in Braille, large print, CD, on cassette, and in electronic format. I wish space permitted me to tell about Eve and Adrian, and about how bravely they faced tragedy with tremendous trust in the Lord, as they remained faithful in serving Him. Although she has been under the care of many doctors, and had numerous tests, Eve's health is still not the best, as she now suffers from almost daily migraine headaches, asthma, and several other problems. I know they would also be grateful for all prayers.



Glynn and Ann at dinner with the Smyth family



Eve Smyth with Glynn

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Since I last wrote to you, I have spoken in several places in Ireland. After one evening Bible study, a lady mentioned to a friend that she had trouble reading her Bible, and we got the scriptures in large print for her. More speaking is, God willing, on the agenda in Newcastle, England, Dublin, Ireland, and several other places. I also hope to worship with Christians who are isolated, and to visit with one lady in Cork, Ireland, who was baptized into Christ after listening to one of our CD's about that subject.

Recently, we have sent Bibles in Telugu for the first time to a brother in Christ who is a preacher for a congregation of the Church. The scriptures were also sent to several places in the US, to Kenya, South Africa, and other nations. We are finding many people in the US, both in and outside the Church, who need large print bibles. The latest statistics I have show that between 4,000 and 6,000 people in the US alone are losing their vision monthly, mostly because of macular degeneration, diabetes, and other diseases.



Joseph Juma welcomes blind lady to church services in Kenya



Joseph Juma gives Braille Bible to Kenyan woman

FAMILY NEWS

Ann joined me on 9 June, and has been helping me get to various speaking appointments. We have also visited with Andre, our son, who is doing a Master's degree in Middlesbrough, in Northeast England. We had not seen him since he left the US in January. The reunion with both Ann and Andre is wonderful, and we thank God for bringing us safely together!

Elise is still enjoying doing full time hair dressing. She hopes to join me in August, and also plans to spend several days with childhood friends here in Ireland; they have kept in close touch and exchanged visits several times. We are thankful indeed that Elise can now pay her own way for travel!

FINANCIAL NEWS

Within the next year, we will be losing two sources of financial support, totaling \$8,300 yearly. Please let us know if you are aware of any congregations or individuals who may help to make up any part of this loss. If no new assistance is found, I will begin making budget cuts in all areas in 2013. This will include monthly support to Kenya, India, office staff, travel, and other areas. My fervent prayer is that this will not be necessary, as God is using financial support to allow us to reach many people.

Ann and I thank each of you for helping us in so many ways. May our Lord strengthen and guide you.

In Christ with thanks,

Glynn and Ann Langston