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Dear brothers and sisters,

I send you greetings from the Christians in various parts of Ireland. By the time you get this, God willing, I will be back in the United States. This visit to the Emerald Isle has been most rewarding, as I was able to tell many people about the Bible ministry, give away copies of the scriptures, and also to teach and conduct Bible studies in various places.

Before getting into direct ministry news, I want to ask for your prayers for Sally Bowers and her family. Sally and her daughter Melissa faithfully edit, prepare and send out these newsletters. In August, they lost their home and pets to a flash fire which began in a car under the carport during the night. Thankfully, everyone got out safely, but the loss of the family pets and family items can't be calculated. Many church members and friends have provided and continue to provide a huge amount of practical service to these wonderful servants of our Lord.

MINISTRY NEWS

For several years, the Bible camps which we support and which are conducted by Philemonrajah, Kingslyrajah and their families, as well as members of the church in Madurai, India, have produced wonderful results for God's Kingdom. Many blind people have obeyed the Gospel, and have taught others. Three congregations, mainly consisting of visually impaired and blind people, have begun. Several new blind preachers are now reaching others. The camps are held in many parts of South India, and generally last for three days or more. Those attending have often studied before they come. At the last camp, three blind people put on Christ in baptism, and many more are studying God's Word. We are thankful that we can not only help this effort financially, but that we can also send the scriptures in several languages of India in audio format. Please include these new Christians and those studying the Bible in your petitions to God.

In the last newsletter, you probably saw the picture of Ann working with a blind lady in Zimbabwe. Ann taught children's and ladies' Bible classes and helped in clinics. Thankfully, she has provided us with another outlet for getting the scriptures to that nation, and we are now in touch by email with Brother Moses Shuro of Bulawayo. He has already requested large print and audio Bibles to help him reach many in his region. We can't find audio Bibles in Shona and Ndebele, the two major tribal languages of Zimbabwe, but we are sending the scriptures in English audio, as English is the uniting tongue of the country.

In the last quarterly letter I told of a blind university student, Robert Creed, whom I met on a train, and who was a part of a group called the Christian Student Union. In July, I went to Dublin to speak, and also to deliver Robert's audio Bible, to show him how to use it, and to have a Bible study with him and with his mother. The visit went very well, and Robert has asked if I will speak to the students in their group. I hope to do this on my next visit here.



Robert Creed and mother with Glynn after Bible study



Two blind Christians in India taught this sighted lady

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As I travel extensively, I am amazed at the number of people who want to have faith, or who still have a spiritual outlook in their lives. May God help me and others to channel their interests into a deeper knowledge of our Lord's saving power, and to trust and obey Him. I have had many discussions about Christ, His Word, and why we need to be simply Christians only.



Thomas in Zambia receives instructions on the use of his talking Bible



Kingsly distributing Braille Bible literature

As you will know by now, I have been working with a couple who are blind, by using Skype. They are in Pakistan, and are a mixed Muslim-Christian couple. They have had many threats, but continue to ask for Bible lessons, which I send via a program called Dropbox. On 22 September, a bomb blast in one of the provinces in Pakistan killed 81 people, some of them family members of this couple. Islamic extremists were responsible. The group was simply trying to take part in a worship service. This happened at a Roman Catholic Church. The couple asked for our prayers for their family and nation. Brother Joseph Mukewa also asked us for prayers for Kenya after radical Islamists killed scores of people in a shopping mall.

Among the various types of Bibles we give are ones which are audio, hand-held. The Bibles cost us \$75 each, and around \$15 to insure, pack and ship. Because people appreciate things more which they have an interest in, and because some people are just phoning, not even knowing what they are asking for, I have taken the very difficult decision, beginning in January, of charging \$15 for shipping and handling for each Bible. This decision has been a long time in coming, but was taken with advice from several others. People won't actually be paying for the scriptures, but I feel it will help to weed out those who really want a Bible, from those who are simply asking because it is free. Our Braille, large print, and CD Bibles remain free of charge.

FINANCIAL NEWS

We recently lost \$100 monthly, and other support remains balanced on a knife edge. Thankfully one congregation was able to continue their \$1,000 monthly support for another year. Basically, we head into 2014 in almost the exact financial position we faced last year. Your prayers and continuing help are vital and most appreciated. Remember please that you can also donate to this ministry by using PayPal and this email address: insightbow@aol.com.

FAMILY NEWS

Ann is back teaching at the small Montessori school, Elise continues to enjoy doing hair, and Andre returned to the United States in September after finishing his Master's degree in England. He feels that job prospects are better in the US at this time. Would each of you please keep your ears open for any jobs in the field of a 3D modeler? This work is valuable in not only video games and film animation, but is also used in companies who want to test programs before developing them. Andre badly wants and needs a job.

May you continue to walk with Christ, to follow Him, and to trust his power. Thank you again for all that you do to make this ministry happen.

In Christ,

Glynn and Ann Langston