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Greetings in Christ to each one of you,

Hasn't this been a long and severe winter for most of us?! In south Louisiana we had six major freezes since December, rather than one major freeze every six years or so. Wrapped pipes even burst!

There is lots of news, including a special feature, so let's get to it and see how much I can include.

MINISTRY NEWS

Do rejoice with us, please! We have a new sister in Christ. Her name is Rajalakshmi, and she studied the scriptures for three months and was then baptized at one of the Bible camps in South India. I think a second person has obeyed the Gospel as well, but I am waiting for details. Your prayers are most important in helping to keep these new Christians faithful to our Lord.



Bags of rice are given to the blind in India



Teaching and encouraging the blind in India

The Gospels in Arabic Braille are still being prepared, and we hope they will be ready to hand carry to Nazareth by July. I am also trying to see if I can get other books of the Bible in Arabic Braille. As we were asked for ten Gospels, this means forty volumes will need to be brought among ten people. Someone is going to really have to cut down on luggage! I also have ten Bibles on CD, and these are being sent to the group as well.

Brother Joseph Mukewa and his wife Lucy, of Mombassa, Kenya, continue to deliver our Bibles in Braille, large print, and on CD to blind and visually impaired people in their region and farther afield. Many of these people are attending worship services, and Joseph continues to study with them and also helps them with daily needs. He has asked us to pray for them as they must now have 1 or 2 policemen at the worship services. This is to try and stop the Islamic extremists who are active in the area. These terrorists have caused tremendous death and destruction throughout various parts of the world. They attack anyone with even the name Christian, believing that this will guarantee them a place in heaven. How radically different is Christ's love and message!

Brother Moses Suro of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe often emails me. He is helping to distribute the scriptures in various formats, as he attends the school of preaching. We are so happy to have the link with Zimbabwe restored, so that we can help bring God's saving message to that nation as well.

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SPECIAL FEATURE

I have never featured a family member in this newsletter since it began in 1971, but then Ann and I have also never attended a 100th birthday party before. Lera Sartain, my grandmother's sister's daughter lived a full century on 20 March. She is a warm, hospitable, and caring person, who continues to allow Christ to lead in her life. If I recounted even half the memories we share with her, several years of newsletters would be needed! We all know her fondly as Little Sister. One major thing which her life has taught us is the need to be prayerfully persistent. She lived in hope and prayer that her husband, Alvin, would obey the Gospel. Partly due to these petitions to God, and her steadfast example of faithfulness, after 63 years of marriage, Alvin did put on Christ in baptism, and the couple spent six more years united to Christ and to each other before Alvin's death. "Never give up," would be her admonition to anyone who may be discouraged about a loved one coming to or returning to Christ. Space and time limitations forbid me from telling so much more, but needless to say, the birthday party, held in Newton, Texas, brought an outpouring of love and admiration from both family members, and from people throughout the community. In 1914, the year of Lera Sartain's birth, among other things, , the first transcontinental phone call was made, the first air conditioner was patented, the first commercial airline service was begun, and World War I had not yet begun.



Little Sister (Lera Sartain) as a baby



Little Sister at her 100th birthday party



Glynn and Ann at Little Sister's 100th birthday party

FINANCIAL NEWS

As several end of year gifts for 2013 did not come in, our budget is down by around 12 percent from last year at this time. Thankfully, one new gift was received, and this helped the loss from being even greater. We have reduced the number of electronic Bibles sent monthly from 10 to 7 or 8 per month, and have made other cuts to make the "cloth fit our measure." I have held off on most travel until 24 March, not only for budget reasons, but also because the weather in various parts of the US was so bad. Thanks to a specific gift for the purpose from a wonderful, supportive family, we can upgrade our office system to Windows 7, and can continue teaching and speaking in Europe. I am losing what mind I have left, trying to learn all the changes in the new systems, and also trying to learn to use an iPhone! If I master it, I won't need to carry such heavy equipment with me when I travel.

Ann and I thank each one of you who sent cards and letters at the beginning of the year. We do read every one, but can't reply individually to each person. You make this outreach ministry possible, and we send our deep gratitude to you, as well as to God. We also honor any prayer requests which you send us. Our prayer is that God will guide, strengthen and protect you as we all strive to serve Him; may His peace surround and comfort you as nothing else can.

In Christ's love, and with thanks,

Glynn and Ann Langston