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Greetings to each one of you in Christ.

We have had lots of news since the last letter and I don't have space to write about it all, but the following are some of the principle points.

MINISTRY NEWS

Joseph Mukewa and his family in Mombasa, Kenya have been pillars of the work to the blind in many parts of that country. Joseph travels over very poor roads, delivering Bibles and giving practical help to visually impaired people. He receives many cartons containing the scriptures from us. Joseph has also been instrumental in Bible studies, and in bringing many blind people to the worship service. On Sunday, 20 September, three of his students obeyed the Gospel. Planting the seed always pays off. Last week, 12 blind people attended service. Since their obedience to the Lord as a result of World Bible School study, Joseph and his family have been responsible for helping to lead many to our Lord. Please pray for these new Christians. Islamic persecution and the draw of the world are only two of the challenges they face.



Joseph baptizing Mukala Sanga September 2015



Joseph with Israel and Scholastica Yona, a blind couple

In south India, we received word that a blind couple who obeyed our Lord some time ago have led a sighted couple to Christ; they were baptized a few weeks ago. This is the second time I know of that blind people have led sighted people to Jesus. Two more blind people also became Christians recently. All these souls need your prayers.

Getting Bibles and other material to Pakistan seems to be a hit and miss project. One talking Bible got through, but another seems to be missing. Because they are afraid of religious reprisal, we must study the scriptures with three blind people there by internet and Dropbox. Please ask God to help these people learn, and to give them His protection. Those of us who can worship and spread God's Word freely simply can't imagine what it is like to be in a country where being a Christian, or even openly studying the scriptures can often bring threats, persecution and in many places, even a horrible and violent death!

In Ireland, I had been forced to fly a bit lower and slower this summer due to eye pain (more on this later.) Thankfully, I have been able to speak and teach in several places and do a radio program, with another program pending.

In September, I was invited to speak to a group of Methodist pastors and workers in a hotel conference room in county Cork. They asked me to tell about this ministry and about my life. This provided an opportunity not only to spread the news about the Bibles we send, but also to encourage each of us to be Christians only, and to follow

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the scriptures and Christ. I was most graciously received, and many questions were asked. Also, several new speaking opportunities and Bible orders have resulted from the meeting.

In Ireland, several large print Bibles have also been requested. One of the social workers from the National Council of the Blind of Ireland phoned, requesting the scriptures for various clients. Unfortunately, privacy rules prevent me from knowing the identity of these people, but at least God is allowing us to place His Word into their hands. When we send Courier talking Bibles, we also include a CD or two which contain Bible study and topical messages.

In July, Ann and I were truly blessed to help host five people from the Riverside Church of Christ in Lafayette, Louisiana, our home congregation. One of the 2 elders in the group, Johan Adendorff presented a valuable lesson about Zimbabwe and how God is using him and many others there, and he also encouraged the mixed religious audience to study God's Word, and to obey, trust and follow Christ. Ann and I showed them various sites in Ireland, providing historical background as well. I joked that this may be the only time they would ever have a blind tour guide.



Riverside group with Ann in Ireland

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Several of you have written or phoned to ask about the ongoing eye pain I have been experiencing. The calcium flakes off, cutting into the cornea of the eye. This is much like gravel or little knives cutting into the eye. The pain can vary, but is intense at times. Until I have another operation, probably upon my return to the US in November, I will have days of moderate to strong eye pain. At times, I must lie down to try and keep the eye from moving. Drops, ointment, and pain tablets help to control the problem. Other age related problems are also making my life quite uncomfortable at times, but so far they are not life threatening, and I remain very much above ground!

Ann has returned to the US to teach, and she is also active in various church related activities. We communicate several times a day on Skype, by phone, or via email. Of course I look forward to being with her and with other family members and friends in November. Please pray for safe travel, relief for the above mentioned health issues, and for our family and for this ministry.

Regarding financial matters, my prayer is that we can at least maintain the current level of ministry and personal support. By switching overseas support from a monthly based level to specific project based activities, we hope to save some funds. With eventual retirement considerations, we are also trying to plan and save as much as possible.

May each one of you have a safe and very enjoyable Thanksgiving. Gratitude is something we must never ever lose, and let's let it be reflected in our prayers more and more. Thank you for making this ministry possible.

In Christ's love, joy, and strength

Glynn and Ann Langston