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## Insight International Braille Outreach Worldwide

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Greetings in Christ, Brothers and Sisters, this time from the US side of the Atlantic

First off, thank each of you who prayed for my safe return on 4 November. Thankfully, the flight was good and uneventful. From Boston, on the way to Louisiana, I had meetings and spoke in Boston, Ohio, Chicago, and in the Fort Worth-Dallas area. Ann met me in Fort Worth and we returned here on 16 November. Since then I have been seeing family, unpacking, organizing things in the office, and writing emails for Bible requests. Trisha, my assistant, keeps the office running on a day-to-day basis when I am away.

Okay, now to the final newsletter for 2015.

### MINISTRY NEWS

After several years of Bible distribution and study, the harvest promised by God is coming in. Joseph Mukewa just informed me that 3 more people in Kenya are ready to be baptized into Christ. We hope to get pictures of these new Christians soon. Joseph and Lucy, his wife, work tirelessly to bring our Bibles to blind and visually impaired people, to study with them, and to give them daily practical help. Recently they have increased weekly Bible study times and also have a new meeting place. Please keep these new members of Christ's body in prayer.

Our brothers Philemonrajah and Kingslyrajah also inform me of two more people in south India who were brought to Christ recently. Many continue to study, and the Bible camp for the blind brought 70 people together to study God's Word. Again, please pray for the new Christians and for all efforts to bring more to Christ.

For the past year we have been in touch with Sharon Geddes, a lady who is blind, who teaches Braille, and who is an active Christian. Sharon and her mother Peggy have been instrumental in bringing people to Christ. Sharon has sent us five or six requests for talking Bibles for members of the classes she teaches. She tells me that more students may want the scriptures soon. I am most encouraged by the way that Sharon combines her Braille work with her desire to bring God's message to those who want it. Recently Sharon inquired about our getting Bibles in Brazilian Portuguese. I look forward to meeting Sharon and her mother when I visit the University Church of Christ in Shreveport in the coming year, God willing. When I was away, Ann did meet with her and her mother during their visit to the Lafayette, Louisiana area.



Bible on CD given to boy at Bible camp in India



Audio Bible given to blind lady in India

Often we provide the scriptures to those in nursing homes who request them, mostly in very large print, and on CD. In the past I have gone with groups to sing and to visit with residents of several of these homes, and recently was blessed to do so again during a weekend visit to the Youngstown, Ohio area. A friend who is blind, Kelly Wickham, sings there on a regular basis, and she has requested Bibles for several residents in various nursing homes. Kelly makes Christ the Lord of her life, and she is always active in making Him known to others.

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**Glynn with Kelly Wickham**



**Joseph and Lucy Mukewa feeding children of the blind**

While in Ohio, I spoke with a friend who needed Bibles on cassette in the Navaho language for a reservation in New Mexico. She told me how much those who do not speak English are enjoying studying and reading their audio Bibles. We are always encouraged when we receive news like this, letting us know that God's Word is being spread and enjoyed.

After many months of rebuilding and testing, the Braille embosser is at last on the way back to us. The repair bill was \$2,680, and the embosser will need to be reinstalled by our computer expert, but even at around \$3,000 the cost is still cheaper than buying a new embosser for \$10,000. You may recall that it was badly damaged during a severe lightning strike on 24 April. A computer was destroyed, and much ham radio equipment damaged as well. I am still finding items which don't work. All this damage occurred in spite of having surge protection. We are in protracted discussions with the insurance company to see if they will cover at least some of the damage.

### **FINANCIAL NEWS**

With 2016, I hope to begin a more project based distribution of our funds, rather than giving constant monthly support. Projects will still include several of those we are giving to, plus other items which I hope to tell you about in coming letters. Western Union has become difficult to deal with when we send funds to India on a monthly basis, and we are also down by about \$16,000 in end-of-year contributions, compared to three or four years ago. If God wills, my hope is to continue this outreach ministry for several more years, but constant travel for fund raising becomes ever more exhausting, and I want to put as much energy as possible into teaching and sending Bibles. Regarding support, we pray that funds will remain at least at current levels, and we thank each one of you who helps us, either with prayer, monthly support, or one-time end-of-year contributions.

### **FAMILY NEWS**

Ann is still enjoying teaching at the small, private Montessori school about 40 minutes from our house. She has many new preschool students this year.

Elise loves her job hair dressing, doing nails, and keeping members of our society in a presentable state. Her husband Ross is a "land man" researching titles for oil leases. With the fall in the oil price, we pray that his job will continue. Both Elise and Ross attend church with us.

After getting his Master's degree in England, Andre has a good job with a company called Turbosquid in New Orleans. Please pray for a renewal of his walk with our Lord. We hope to spend time with our children during the Thanksgiving-Christmas period.

I thank each of you who pray regarding my eye pain. On 8 December I went in, expecting an operation as has been the case in the past. After a thorough examination, the ophthalmologist could find no calcium deposits to remove. He did, however, find significant inflammation, and he gave me drops to try to reduce it and bring down the pain level. Basically, he said that medical science has gone as far as it can to reduce eye pain, and that I may want to consider complete removal of both eyes, and have prosthetic replacements. While I am not quite to that stage yet, in time pain may force me into this unwanted surgery. I am considering the actual surgery, and the emotional ramifications of this operation. Actually, prosthetic eyes would look really nice, far better than the real ones; a surgeon who does this type of operation told me that I would need to be careful as people would not be able to tell that I am blind, and they may think I was standing in their way or was deliberately staring at them. Now that could be a dangerous adventure; I knew of one man who was blind, and was knocked to the ground by a man who thought that the blind man was staring at his wife. I can think of better ways to start a hospital ministry perhaps. Seriously, please continue to pray for pain relief as it certainly wears me down, and for wisdom in deciding what to do about this situation.

We wish each one of you a very safe and pleasant Christmas. May 2016 bring us all closer to the Lord. May we bring others to Christ, and may we do our part to help stem at least some of the horror which seems to pervade our society by those who either don't know God, or who have a perverted concept of Him.

In Christ with thanks,

Glynn and Ann Langston