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Greetings to all our wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ our Saviour,

While Christmas and the beginning of 2016 seem far away now, I do hope that you had a meaningful and fun time with those you love. Thank you for all the cards, letters, and phone calls, and of course for your most valuable prayers and support. This ministry happens because you care! I can't recall a newsletter when we had so much news, so let's try to include what we can here.

MINISTRY NEWS

I know of at least two new blind Christians in India. There may be more, but our Bibles and material go to many rural regions of that large nation, and we don't always know what is happening. The Lord knows who these people are, and I ask that you please pray for them. Brothers Philemonrajah and Kingslyrajah, work throughout a vast area, and also produce a magazine in Braille and conduct Bible camps for blind people.

Also in India, I recently had an email telling of two blind people who have successfully graduated from the School of Evangelism. They used Braille and recorded material to help them in their studies. Our prayer is that they will serve the Lord, and bring many to a knowledge of Christ's saving message.



Braille Bibles in India



Joseph Juma with Bro. Gideon of Makeuni County Assn.

Brother Joseph and Sister Lucy Mukewa work daily with blind people from various regions of Kenya. They live and worship in Mombasa, that nation's second largest city. Joseph drives many hundreds of miles to deliver Braille and large print Bibles to various places throughout that nation. Last year, the congregation was attacked by Islamic extremists, and one person was killed. Joseph writes me about a man who followed Islam, but who began to talk, associate, and study with Christians for several years. This blind man recently obeyed the Gospel and has already brought four others to services. Often there are at least 14 blind visitors in the Sunday services. Joseph and Lucy have fellowship meetings and meals in their home, and conduct numerous Bible studies, as well as assisting blind and visually impaired people with many daily needs. He also wrote to us about the blind principal of a school, who traveled around 200 miles with his driver to Mombasa to meet Joseph and his family, and to get several cartons of Braille Bibles for use in the school. We are thankful that your support allows us to help Brother Joseph, and we recently bought him a laptop computer for use in his work.

Many of you know that our family worship with the Riverside Church of Christ in Lafayette, Louisiana. The congregation has been more than supportive with prayers, financial assistance, and fellowship. Recently, a lady who is deaf taught another lady the Gospel. The second lady is not only deaf, but is also blind. She has begun coming to services, and we are working with Lance Bennett and Danny Hebert, ministers in the Church, to see how we can help her break through the unparalleled barrier of isolation which fills her world. As Jackie, the lady we are trying to help, is also a Braille teacher, we Braille out the sermon notes and give them to her each Sunday. Her interpreter must sign into Jackie's hand, and it is a marvel to see the two of them work together to make the service more accessible to Jackie. Please pray that we can find ways to help Jackie and to make God's Word ever more available to her. She is very near to obeying the Gospel, and it will be a challenge to explain to her the experience of being baptized.

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Our Bible studies continue with three blind people in Pakistan via the internet. One talking Bible was lost or destroyed in the post, but we finally got Bibles to them. We also sent a white cane to help one of them with navigation to and from work. I won't name them for security reasons. Although our main goal is to get Bibles to others, once in a while there is a physical need that I feel convicted to help with. Because the family was doing all washing in the sink, we recently sent them money to buy a simple washer-drier combination, which one rolls up to the sink, fills with a hose, and then drains the washing water into the sink when finished. It is extremely basic, but they are absolutely thrilled to have it.

In mid-March I returned from a trip to Chicago and California. As is usual, I distributed many ministry cards during my travels. It is amazing how many people ask for our very large print Bibles. Those in nursing homes, and others who remain at home but who are losing their vision request them, and these cards let others know of the scriptures in various formats we provide. In California, I visited with a group who cater for four languages - English, Spanish, Cambodian, and Vietnamese, as well as a senior citizen day center. They were delighted to know that we can supply God's message in these languages via audio CD. I also gave a speech and visited with the Braille Bible production center in Yucaipa, California. The volunteers, composed of many denominations, produce the large print and Braille Bibles we distribute. They were most receptive and gracious.



Volunteers at the Braille Bible production center in Yucaipa, California

In mid-April I hope to return to Ireland, a bit earlier this year, but I plan to come back to the US three weeks earlier than usual also. Tony Coffey from the Church in Dublin phoned and is working on various dates for me to speak to the congregation there. As usual, I have been asked to do Bible studies and to speak in various places, some new. We recently got a request from county Carlow for a Braille Bible. I thank our Lord for the family who makes this opportunity to tell about this ministry and Bible study possible, not only in Ireland, but in several countries in Europe as well. As a sidelight, this is the 100th anniversary of the Irish rebellion in 1916, which eventually led to Ireland's independence in 1922.

FAMILY AND FINANCIAL NEWS

Our son Andre lost his job in New Orleans, just three days before the mortgage closure. Needless to say, things are in quite a state of flux at this time. Please pray that he finds another job in the field of 3D modeling, but most important, that he walks with our Lord.

Our daughter Elise is presently purchasing a hair salon business, and is excited about the prospect. She and her husband Ross are striving to let God lead them, and Elise often invites people to worship services. Please keep Ross in prayer; he recently lost his job as a land man, due to the low price of oil. Many people in petroleum related jobs have lost them.

Concerning finances, end of year contributions, combined with monthly support, should mean that we can continue ministry activities, but with no expansion this year. Funding levels are now about \$13,000 lower than they were several years ago. I have begun targeting certain projects, rather than sending as much monthly support, and this does save some money. A new office air conditioner, needed updated equipment, and roof repair, cost well over \$10,000.

On the personal financial front, rising health insurance costs, as well as funding for eventual retirement continue to concern us, and we are trying to keep support at least at the current level. Certainly many people are experiencing similar concerns, and it is often how one deals with them that makes the difference.

Ann and I ask for your continuing prayers and support, and we thank you for making our 46th year on the mission field possible. I should have mentioned also that Ann continues to teach in the small, private Montessori school, and she is ultra-active in lawn and house care; she is also active in congregational ladies' groups, as well as taking me to numerous speaking appointments each year. This is far safer, for those of you reading this letter, than my trying to drive would be!

In Christ with love and thanks,

Glynn and Ann Langston