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Please consider this ministry in estate planning.

Season's greetings to all our brothers and sisters in Christ,

First, thank each of you who have taken the time and effort to send cards, and end of year newsletters to us. Although we simply can't answer each one, we do read them and we are interested in the news you send. Ann and I are always encouraged and amazed by the concern you show, both for this ministry to the blind, and to our family as well. We are ever thankful to God that we have Christian brothers and sisters like you, who make it possible for us to bring God's Word to so many blind people throughout the world. I will try to keep this short, as you no doubt have lots of Christmas mail. If you are like us, family and other holiday concerns dominate your time just now.

MINISTRY NEWS

Since the last newsletter, three more blind people have obeyed the Gospel, and eleven are very near becoming Christians through their continuing study of God's Word. As you know, we completely fund several Bible camps in India each year, and also provide Bibles in several languages of that nation, plus other materials. Brothers Kingslyrajah, Philemonrajah, concerned members, and two blind preachers there, are working with many blind people to strengthen their Faith, or bring them to the Lord. The following is an end of year excerpt from an email which I received within the past week:

"Dear brother Glynn Langston,

Greetings to your in the Mighty Lord's name. We humbly thank you for the prayers and support for the work of the Lord here in India among these special visually handicapped people. Through your prayers and kind hearted support God is giving plenty of harvest for the seeds we sow.

In the first half of this year, we had some nearly 80 people obeying the Lord in baptism and among them nearly 30 of them are blind people.

In the second half, on 4th October we had 4 people taken baptism and out of them 2 are visually handicapped.

On 4th October we had also released a special bible course for the visually handicapped people in Braille language. It is very useful for converting these special people. Some 120 blind people gathered on this occasion.

In the month of November during the first week, we had a small gathering of blind people in a near by city with some 25 blind people attending the Bible camp. Among them some 11 have decided to take baptism and we are studying with them, with the help of the local preacher.

During the third week of November also, we had a small bible camp for the blind people in a near by city and some 25 blind people attended. All of them are non Christians and after a good lesson on "Salvation needed" they are willing to study more to obey the Lord in baptism.

Among the 100 and above people who have taken baptisms in this year 2008, 40 percent of them are visually handicapped people and still some 30 blind people are expected to obey the Gospel soon.

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All through the year we have distributed 174 New Testaments in Audio cassettes, Audio magazine with Television messages, 1550 Empty cassettes for studying blind people, TVOTI Braille magazine in Tamil and English, Seekers Braille bible lessons and small gifts now and then to the Blind people to show our love."



The boxes contain Bibles in Tamil, Telugu, English, and Hidu

The above email shows just how tremendous the harvest is, when we have people there to study with those who receive Bibles.

Not only is this part of India receiving God's saving Message because of your generosity, but so are blind people in various parts of this vast country. God's Word is also going to many other places. Today, I received a request for Bibles in large print for Santander, in Northwest Spain.

Our work on the internet continues as well. In November, I had several meetings with John Clayton, a friend and wonderful Christian, to see how we can make more material in the Does God Exist program available to those who can't see. We also continue to send out the Courier

Talking Bible Units. 2008 has truly been the best year of harvest for God's Kingdom since this ministry began, and you have made it possible.

FAMILY NEWS

Ann continues therapy to strengthen her hand and it is now back to about fifty percent of use since the lawnmower accident.

Elise and Andre continue their studies, Andre in university in graphic design, Elise at the Aveda School of Cosmetology. Of course, we enjoy being with them as well as with my parents during the holiday season.

I had a small eye operation in October to remove calcium which cuts into the cornea like bone chips, and is very painful. Please pray that it does not return. By the time you get this letter, I should have had another procedure, to remove a growth near the eyelid. Your prayers are much appreciated, as the right eye in particular is quite painful at times. Doctors want to keep it as long as they can, so there has not yet been any talk of removing it.

FINANCIAL NEWS

If we are learning anything from the current economic situation, it must surely be that our treasure is in heaven. Your help is certainly needed as we continue to reach others with the Gospel! At the end of 2007, we did not receive as many one time, end of year gifts as we received in previous years. Not only is monthly support needed, but end of year gifts make it possible to project how much we can send to help with Bible camps for the blind, and to other projects. Just now, I am trying to raise US \$2500, for a five CD automatic duplicator. Cassette tapes are becoming obsolete, so this machine is long overdue to help us send Bible lessons and other Christian material. We ask for your help with these and the other needs I have outlined in previous newsletters. As I mentioned in an earlier letter, we now have a PayPal account. It should be able to be accessed by using my email address: insightbow@aol.com

May the God of peace and love, strengthen, guide, protect, and guide each one of you, through the coming year. We can never express our gratitude enough to you, both on the ministry and family level.

In Christ's love with thanks,

Glynn Ann, Elise, and Andre Langston

