



Dear Friends...

Sure feels good to be back home again are lyrics from an old country song. That's how Muriel and I felt on April 7th when we slept in our own bed for the first time in exactly 3 months. We had such a wonderful and productive time visiting with family, friends, donors, supporting churches, etc. in PA, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL. Here are a few highlights:

- met with 58 individuals/couples,
- spoke in 6 churches,
- met with pastors in 12 churches,
- taught 9 Bible studies,
- met with individuals from 3 foundations.

One of the highlights was the Fletcher Siblings' Reunion held at Pioneers in Orlando. The Pioneers staff went far beyond the call of duty with their loving service. We surely miss our two eldest brothers, Herman and Ted, who are with the Lord, but had a wonderful time together. Also, Herm's widow, Bobby, was not able to attend as she is having hip replacement surgery on April 27th. We sure missed her! On the way home, we saw several bad accidents in our travels, and were once again reminded of the Lord's journey mercies as we traveled. Thank you for praying.



Tallinn and Tyumen

For the last several years, I have been encouraging our international directors to trust God to touch the hearts of the believers or come up with creative plans in order to generate funds within their countries, and be less dependent on the USA. One of our major donors expressed his mutual concern in this area, and asked us to come up with a plan that would involve two areas where there were enough Christians to support their chaplains. The donor not only funded the entire trip, but also provided a two-for-one-dollar matching program up to \$75,000 to encourage the believers and churches in these countries.



Amy and Scott Lee, Mikhail (Tver) Scott and Amy Tittle

Scott and Amy Lee (Scott serves as Vice President of Advancement) along with Scott and Marie Tittle, major donors who have funded Tyumen's ministry for several years, traveled to Tallinn, Estonia and Tyumen, Russia from March 26-April 4. They conducted stewardship conferences for our chaplains, businessmen, pastors, and Christian leaders. The chaplains from Krasnoyarsk, Siberia and Tver, Russia also attended the conference, and are part of the matching grant. Scott and Amy Lee led

the seminars on stewardship, and Scott and Marie Tittle gave testimonies to the joy of giving. It was a great time of encouragement, and I look forward to seeing how the Lord will use this trip.

Travel Updates

In my last newsletter, I mentioned the possibility of traveling to Pakistan to train chaplains and open Good News Jail & Prison Ministry – Pakistan. I am finalizing plans with Pastor Babar Ditta in Gujranwala, Pakistan to conduct the training school in early September. Please pray with us as we work out the details (venue, traveling, visa, finances, etc.) of the conference. Only the Lord could open this door of opportunity!

Finances

You may recall that we changed our fiscal year to July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010. Therefore, on April 1st we entered the final quarter of the fiscal year. I will give you a more detailed update in my June letter, but here is a financial overview. So far this year, the Lord has provided either in actual gifts or commitments about \$540,000. We need an additional \$70,000 above and beyond this figure in order to reach our income budget. Thank you for praying.

Special Project



In addition to our operating budget, the Lord also provides funds for special projects for our international brothers and sisters. This year, the Christian Motorcyclist Association, in partnership with Missionary Ventures, provided \$15,019 for 3 bicycles and 16 motorbikes for the chaplains' transportation to and from the prison facilities in Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, and Rwanda. Last year 18 chaplains in Kenya, Lithuania (picture on top left), Malawi, the Philippines, (picture on bottom left) and Uganda received either a bicycle or motorbike. This is a great help to the chaplains and they are so very grateful!

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your faithful prayers and financial support. After meeting with so many pastors and donors these last few months, I am aware of the economic hardships many of you are experiencing. One supporting church in South Carolina had to reduce their missionary support \$24,300 per year; reduced church staff salaries by \$42,252 per year; and staff insurance benefits by \$22,000 per year; yet they maintained their support for the Egyptian chaplains at \$17,004 per year! It's pretty hard to find words to express our overwhelming appreciation for such generosity.

In His mighty love,

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Praise and Prayer:

Praises:

1. For the wonderful opportunities to meet with so many of our family and friends these last few months, and for the Lord's mercies in traveling.
2. For the Lord's gracious supply of our needs, and the sacrifice and generosity of our partners.
3. For the time to celebrate our elder daughter Donna's 42nd birthday and eldest grandson Graham's 13th birthday on the way home in York, PA.

Prayer:

1. For the Lord's blessing on the last quarter of our fiscal year.
2. For the Lord's direction in preparing for the training school in Pakistan.
3. For the various opportunities in May on the schedule below.

Schedule:

May:

- 14 Henry Parsons and Susan Crowell Trust Dinner honoring Peggy Fletcher as the recipient of the Susan Coleman Crowell Award for Lifetime Service in International Missions in Orlando
- 16 Speak at Calvary Bible Church (10:30 AM Service) and lunch with Missions Committee
- 17 Meetings in York, PA
- 18 Speak at Christian Business Men's Committee Luncheon in York, PA (12 noon)
- 23 Speak at Covenant Baptist Church in Collierville, TN (9:00; 10:30; 6:00)
- 24 Presentation of Good News International at a luncheon in Collierville, TN