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(IVAN SKOLEBA, IVANO-FRANKIVSK)

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DECEMBER 2010 HIGHLIGHTS:

“WE CAN SEE THE WORK OF THE LORD THROUGH HIS CHURCH” (IVAN SKOLEBA, IVANO-FRANKIVSK)

This is the last Newsletter of 2010 and its report concludes an amazing year of work. The scope of our involvement in NINETEEN foreign nations is incredulous. But the facts and communications validate the totals. We have shipped SIXTY 40-foot cargo containers plus multiple skids that were transported via the United States Air Force in 2010. The initial result of these shipments is very encouraging, but we look to the long-term results and know that the full impact will never be known this side of heaven. Through these efforts the Lord's Church has been highlighted and has gained respect and recognition that provides an operating basis of recognition, respect, trust and credibility in many nations where such did not exist.

This final Newsletter contains a miniscule summary of only a few selected locations. There was simply too much to include. I have tried to send out regular email reports documenting the Lord's successes and hope these provide you with a more complete accounting. We have been fortunate to supplement our reports with a number of news media reports that were circulated in the nations where we have worked.

So much has been accomplished! Be assured that what has begun in these efforts continues with the same resolve—to God be the glory! Thank you for your financial support, personal involvement, and encouraging words.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

Ivan Skoleba reports on the Lord's work in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord! We always keep you and your family in our thanksgiving prayers to God. We are honored to be part of the spiritual family with our American brethren. Your nation is special because you have been taught to love God and your love is seen through your concern for your neighbor and in your actions. It is hard to believe everything that has been done in terms of evangelistic and humanitarian work this year when you analyze it. It is true what is impossible for a human being is possible for God. Through humanitarian aid, we have helped more than 700 families and 28 organizations, such as city, district and village hospitals, schools, children's homes and orphanages. The work of church of Christ is known not only in Ivano-Frankivsk but in the whole Region. Newspapers write about us, the administration and social services ask us to work with them. Orthodox Church tried to hinder our work but our deeds speak for themselves, so the administration does not allow that church to

**GREETINGS FROM THE
IVANO-FRANKIVSK
BRETHREN**



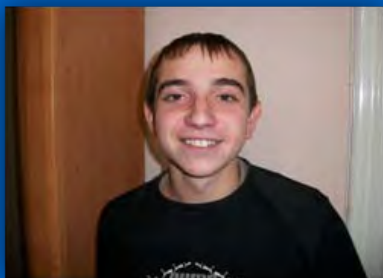
Anya, Sveta, Ruslan, Ivan



Kristin, Sofia, Uliana, Vasya



Marina and Andrew



Volodya

pressure us. We have also had five baptisms this year. And we especially rejoice to see how good deeds contribute to evangelism and how the Lord gives us opportunity to preach.

It also speaks about your active faith, living Christian faith that was given to us by the Lord. And we thank and glorify Him for all of you and for your faith and hearts that are open to understand the importance of spreading the faith, which changes people's lives. This faith restores the ruins of our souls that were destroyed by Satan. Humanitarian aid is not the only result of our work together. But it is also people, which is most important, that have been baptized. They testify for themselves that it was only in the church of Christ where the Lord opened their eyes to faith, which changes lives of people, corrects their thinking, makes their hearts kind and helps set up right priorities in their lives. Many marriages have improved; their relationships with their relatives have also changed.

Vasya and Uliana say that when they started coming to church and were baptized their married life was filled with peace and joy, they started experiencing feelings that they had never had before. They forgot about fear that used to torment them; on the contrary, they now see God's blessings in their lives. They understand that they are not all by themselves out there, that there are brothers and sisters who are far away physically but their prayers and support give assurance and strength of brotherhood in Christ.

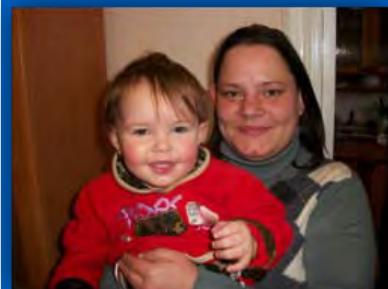
Young boy, Volodya (he is only 18), also testifies that his life has become better and his heart is at peace. He prays to God for his parents and his brother so that they would believe. He tries to live a Christian life so that even his father is surprised when he sees how much his son has changed. There was an incident not long ago. Volodya's grandfather passed away and in nine days all relatives went to church for commemoration for his grandfather. Volodya saw them crying while the pope was standing with his back to the people for two hours murmuring something and waving a incense censer. Volodya wanted to weep for his living relatives who did not understand what they were doing. Volodya is so happy that God has opened his eyes. I was very pleased to hear such sound words coming from a young boy. Our church encourages me and Sveta and makes us want to work more for the Kingdom of Christ when I hear such testimonies of how faith in God changes people

Andrew and Marina are also very happy, and their little son Sasha always prays and thanks God for his daddy. Marina always gives thanks in her prayers for the support from American brothers and sisters.

We also have been able to support Olya thanks to you. And thanks to this support Olya could keep her baby Marta. Otherwise she would have had to give her up.

Hanna and Dmitry thank God that Dmitry is still alive. Had it not been for your help he would have died already. Every time he is in hospital having his regular treatments he tells everybody that church of Christ is the true church. City doctors and Administration have thanked us for our work and have asked us to send you their New Year's greetings.

All of these speak for great opportunities that church of Christ has in Ivano-Frankivsk. We can see the work of the Lord through His church and every year we are amazed to see how merciful He is. We pray that the Lord would continue giving the desire to your hearts and would give you



Marta and Olya



Hannah and Dmitry

A CONTAINER TO HANOI,
VIETNAM FROM BELLEVUE,
MICHIGAN



opportunities to help the work in Ukraine.

We have great plans for the year to come and we will not be able to reach our goal without your help. We pray that we would be able to have a church building constructed on the plot of land that the Administration has given us, so that many more people would be able to bring their children to classes and come to Bible classes themselves; so that Bible classes would be broadcast in the Western part of Ukraine. We also pray for our Bible School to continue, for the Lord to give strength and opportunity to study to our students. Dear brothers and sisters, please, join us in our prayers for a new church building because flat is becoming too small for us. We give everything into God's holy hands, because we know that He can do what a human being cannot do.

We continue assembling from 10:00 to 12:00 on Sundays
On Wednesdays—from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Average attendance on Sunday is 14-23.
Bible School is on winter break from December 20 through January 20.

We would like to once again give our Christmas greetings to all of you. We are honored to be a part of our joint service to the Lord.

With love, Ivan, Sventlana, Ruslan and Anya (С Люб. Иван и Светлана, и наши дети; Ивано-Франковск Церкви Христовя)

We entered Hai Phong Harbor, Vietnam...

For most in my age bracket the mention of Vietnam stirs unpleasant memories of un-American activities. But there is a great amount of work being done by the Lord's Church throughout those southeast Asia nations that were prominent in the news media from the late 60's to mid 70's. Let me share with you a small facet of the Lord's work in that part of the world...In July 2010 I was contacted by the Bellevue, MI congregation asking for assistance in shipping benevolent items to a disabled children's school that they work with in Hanoi, Vietnam as a part of their mission efforts. After several weeks we were able to schedule the logistics and on Thanksgiving Day 2010 I received this appropriate note about the container:

"Happy Thanksgiving John! I just wanted to let you know that thanks to you we were able to ship our container to Hanoi Vietnam. As you may recall I wanted to ship equipment for handicapped children to Peace Village which is a school for about 150 disabled children. I just wanted to thank you and to let you know that it has arrived and the goods are being delivered to DR. Phuong, the Director of the school.

Your ministry has been a great blessing to me and to our work overseas! Thanks again, God bless, Steve Doty"

An excerpt from Steve's September update reads:

"We mentioned in our last newsletter that Dr. Phuong from the Peace Village Disabled Children's Home in Hanoi, Vietnam visited us here in Battle Creek, Michigan. While visiting the Doris Klaussen Developmental Center she was gifted used equipment that would be useful in her facility in Hanoi. This included approximately 47 pieces of various types of equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, potty chairs, and special lifting devices. We were



Orphans housed in a Buddhist Temple



Mrs. Phuong had also requested to know about Christ and Christianity. We were able to spend the time with her in Bible study and baptized her into Christ before we left Can Tho. The local Church in Saigon has offered to continue to do the follow up work to assist her in developing her faith.

able to arrange a cargo sea container to ship this donated equipment.”

In a later mailing Steve wrote these encouraging words: *“We have mentioned Mrs. Phuong in our past newsletters as our point of contact for the humanitarian projects in Can Tho. Mrs. Phuong had also requested to know about Christ and Christianity. We were able to spend the time with her in Bible study and baptized her into Christ before we left Can Tho. The local Church in Saigon has offered to continue to do the follow up work to assist her in developing her faith.”*

Rejoice in the great work that your brethren are doing in southeast Asia—you have had an opportunity to join with them in relieving the suffering and thus opening doors for teaching the gospel!

HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS BEAR ETERNAL FRUITS...

Our efforts to assist those devastated by the January 2010 earthquake continue. With the cooperation and support of brethren we have shipped over ONE MILLION pounds of food. Adding to that weight are other relief items—furnishings, clothing, buckets, etc. We sent a container in mid-December that was filled with furnishings and clothing for the Lord’s Church in Gonaives. We have been able to ship 23 containers at an average cost of \$5,000.00. These usually reach Haiti and are cleared by Customs in a good time.

Here is a summary from the shipper on our last container shipped to Haiti (note that we purchased the “high-cube” container and that increased the cost of this shipment by \$3,000.00). *The container was loaded in Judsonia, AR on December 17, traveled by truck and train to Miami, jumped on a ship leaving to Cap Haitien the same day it arrived, was cleared in Cap Haitien, trucked and in the Gonaives compound on January 4. The total time was 19 days door to door!*

I have asked David Smith and Tony Hill to give a brief summary of our impact on the Haitian relief. Here are their comments. Please note the significant increase in the Church as a result of the relief efforts.

Several containers of food have been distributed to refugees and their families in the Port au Prince and Artibonite areas. Eight containers were collected and loaded by the Judsonia church of Christ, and contributions were made possible by multiple supporters and churches. Judsonia has also sent water purifier machines which have been a blessing during the current cholera epidemic.

More than sixty refugees were housed on our HCDP compound, and scores of others were helped by church members from the Artibonite. These churches aided in the distribution of food. During my July visit, church leaders made comments including the following:

“Thank you so much for this great help. We have many refugees, but our own people are hungry also. Our usual number attending is 80, but we have had 15 more visitors, and we were able to share these precious buckets with all 95 people.” (Leon Legros Avenue–Gonaives)

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Dr. Phuong
(Dark hair sunglasses) from
Hanoi Vietnam at a school for
Disabled Children in
Battle Creek, Michigan



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expected rain to plant our crops. We didn’t know any way to feed our people, especially the extra (refugees) people. This is the true way to help. More people are coming to church.” (Poteau)

“We know that it is our brothers who support us and sent help. We know that we have special friends by our sides. Everyone loved the hygiene kits – so helpful. We gave food to refugees, the needy of the church, and to our needy neighbors.” (Bangnol)

“It was not just the quantity of food, but it was the spirit in which it was given. We in Haiti feel that we were not forgotten.” (Liberte Street – Gonaives)

Pacius reports that more than 100 children are daily receiving rice, beans, and Vienna sausage or tuna fish (provided by the Judsonia shipments) at the HCDP farm at Bois Marchand. When asked, several of these children admitted that it was their only meal of the day.

The situation in Haiti’s aftermath can be summarized by this phrase...“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” (*Tale of Two Cities* – Charles Dickens).

Poteau elders are working with evangelist Daniel Alexander to replant a once flourishing church (Caramel) in the Artibonite. This is the first major “mission” project of the Poteau church since the elders were appointed in March (the appointment of these brethren as elders was another exciting event in the midst of the relief efforts). *During the past nine months of adversity, that church has had 135 baptisms with attendance now averaging 315 persons. A new mission church at Nan Poul has had 159 baptisms in the last six months.*

Work has begun to create a Bangnol village for currently homeless and displaced families. In the first phase, twelve earthbag cottages will be constructed. On the plot will be zero grazing for goats, small gardens, latrines, and a water system. We anticipate it serving as a model for more similar villages in the near future.

350 persons continue to successfully participate in the microloan program, and many have been able to increase substantially their basic microloans. It is making a BIG difference in their lives. Persons displaced by the earthquake are being added as quickly as possible.

The earthquake certainly changed the lives of all Haitian people last January. No one person or city was spared. Not only the people of Port au Prince were devastated, but hundreds of thousands left the city to flee to the homes of their families, their only hope for shelter and food. No narrative can describe the stresses that all experienced.

Haiti Christian Development Project exists with a mission for development, not relief. But the floods of 2004 and 2008 taught us that we cannot remove ourselves from relief work. We pray that this will be temporary, but the Haitian people stepped up to work with Judsonia church of Christ and many other good Christians.

The containers of food and hygiene materials were so gladly received. Unlike the relief supplies sent through many government agencies and which were stolen because of the lack of credible people to distribute them, supplies given to the Christian people were credibly distributed to thousands of people. A favorite phrase of our people is, “you help one Haitian person

HAITI RELIEF CONTINUES!

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and you help 50." Unlike many that we live with, there is a great attitude of sharing. The eight containers of supplies that you sent were distributed equally to the people of Port au Prince and to the many of the 400,000 displaced people of Port au Prince who fled to the Artibonite Valley.

Food, hygiene kits, tents, tarps, medical supplies, water, water purification devices, etc. – what great relief.

As we moved from strict relief to rehabilitation and development, other supplies were sent –supplies for permanent housing (not available in Haiti), supplies for reestablishing schools, Bible school materials and teaching materials for preachers, seed for their farms, and many other needed supplies.

In Haiti, housing and shelter is a desperate need. Soon we will start building a whole village of earthbag houses (cost about \$2,000 or less) (the Judsonia church container just shipped sent bags for 12 houses!) for the displaced (they look like the typical Haitian house). Land is so scarce and expensive. Since most Haitians rent their houses, HCDP (with the advice of the Poteau eldership) will rent these houses to displaced people at a price that they can afford. We hope eventually to build several villages. These villages will have a well with fresh water, and there will be small gardens by their houses, community showers and latrines, and places for zero-grazing goats and other animals.

The physical impact of all of this work has been profound for hundreds (probably thousands) of people. The spiritual impact has been profound. Each night, Pacius had opportunities to teach the 62 refugees staying on our HCDP compound at the 8 p.m. devotionals. Many became Christians. Many others became Christians in the small villages because of the relief work you supported.

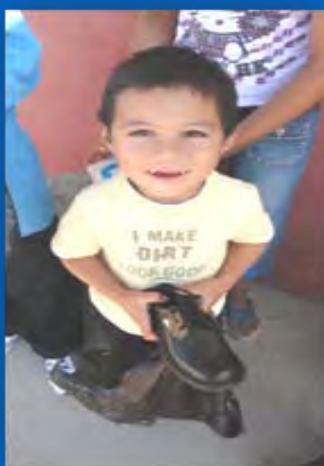
"It was the best of times..." The greatest visible impact that I have seen from much of our work was in a church where we have worked for the past decade. In 1999, this small church was attended by about 30 people. It grew steadily in the last decade. After the 2008 flood, I challenged Poteau church of Christ to appoint elders. In March, 2010, six men were installed as elders. Throughout the past year, members went out every Saturday and spoke with people about Jesus and invited them to Church. Many of them were contacts made through food distribution. The people came, and through further teaching about Jesus Christ, 135 souls have been baptized and added to that congregation during 2010!

About six months ago, the elders and men of the church heard of a group of people about two hours away. They started visiting Nan Poul, and preaching every Sunday. In this short period of time, 159 people have confessed their faith and have been baptized. In our area, these numbers of conversions are unprecedented. We are so thankful that the hearts of so many have been touched and it is certain that the outpouring of compassion shown by the relief supplies have played a significant role in making a statement of love that attracted them to hear more about the love of Jesus.

Thank you to all who sacrificed their time and money to make relief and salvation possible to so many suffering people. David Smith

The container loaded in December has arrived in Gonaives! I received this email from David on the container's arrival.

**LA PALMA,
EL SALVADOR
RECEIVES BENEVOLENT
ITEMS FROM BRETHREN
OF THE MT VERNON
CHURCH OF CHRIST**



From: David E Smith [mailto:ds@cordoc.net]
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 7:54 PM
Subject: Container arrived at 10 p.m. last night

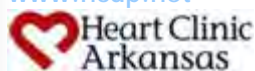
When I asked Pacius about the container, his answer – **WOW!**

The truck arrived at 10 p.m. last night (trucker would not wait until today). They worked with lots of men from Poteau and unloaded the container contents into other containers on the property. Then they had to work for about 4 hours to get the container off the truck. They finished this morning at 4 a.m.

They haven't had time to go through all of the contents. They were especially pleased with the chairs – that will allow their expanding church to be able to sit down. So many blessings.

David E. Smith, MD

Haiti Christian Development Project
www.hcdp.net



Heart Clinic Arkansas
10100 Kanis Road
Little Rock, AR 72205

A word from Tony Hill... "If you need to give me a "title" it could be Missions Committee Member, Sylvan Hills church of Christ. I never cease to be amazed at the many ways God uses our talents and abilities to accomplish His work. The work of shipping and logistics is very tedious and is not something just anyone can do. From years of experience, and many containers loaded, the crew in Judsonia has this work down to an art and are able to provide a wonderful service to organizations that are meeting needs and planting seeds for the Kingdom in various parts of the world. It was a pleasure spending the day working with the team as we loaded a container for Haiti."

UPDATE ON LATEST CONTAINER SHIPPED TO GONAIVES, HAITI:

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THE LORD'S CHURCH AT WORK IN AFGHANISTAN...

The deployment of the US military in foreign nations has always produced positive results. Through the years we have been fortunate to partner with a number of our military posted all over the world. Many responded to the requests that we received in Iraq and only eternity will be able to reveal the great good that was accomplished from the Kurdish Regions throughout the nation. We have recently received requests to assist needs in Afghanistan and the typical positive response is being seen. We have been alerted to two major requests at this time. *If you want to help send items to these groups you can send them yourself via USPS PRIORITY "flat rate" boxes. It usually takes about two weeks to arrive.*

El Salvador Efforts



Paktiya Province: Writing Pens for Afghani school children...

Sent: Thursday, December 30, 2010 5:44 AM

To: jkachelman@centurytel.net

Subject: Pens for Afghan kids

John, I spoke to you some months ago regarding support for Haiti when I was assigned to the 350th Civil Affairs Command in Pensacola, Florida. I'm presently serving on a provincial reconstruction team (PRT) at FOB Gardez in Paktiya province, Afghanistan. One thing all the kids here ask for is ink pens. Literacy is around 15% here and anything we can do to encourage people to write especially at an early age is a good thing. I know you have good access to food stuffs etc, but I was wondering if you could get some pens for us to pass out. Thanks for your time, I know you're very busy. Sincerely, Reid

Reid E. Smith III
Lieutenant Colonel, Civil Affairs
PRT Paktiya Civil Affairs
FOB Gardez
APO AE 09364

The response from this plea has been wonderful. Here are just two responses that will cheer your heart with the way our brethren respond.

From: David Ellenburg
Subject: Pens for Afghan kids

I will put a USPS flat rate box of approximately 600 pens in the mail tomorrow. Please tell the children that the God of the Bible is providing the pens. Lewis D. Ellenburg, Jr

From: Melvin & Carolyn Brown
Subject: PENS!

John, just a note to tell you that we bought 360 pens today and have packed them along with a letter to Reid and have addressed the box and taped it shut ready to be mailed on Monday! There was a little space left inside the box so I stuffed it with bags of individually wrapped hard candy! Hope he gets lots more pens for his project! Thanks for letting us know about this need! HAPPY NEW YEAR to you and all your dear family! Much love and affection, Carolyn & Mel

Helmand Province: Winter clothing for children

"If your friends could send blankets, cold weather boots, socks, jackets, and gloves that would help out so much...I want to thank you again for all your help to the Afghan people and all the help you've given me. I will send some pictures if you want, of the children and the things they received from your friends. If there's anything you need on my side please let me know. Thank you again from the CAG marines from 2/9." Cpl Trinidad Rodriguez

Jan Bradley received this email from Teresa...*"Hey Jan, I have heard great things about you from Trinidad and I think it's awesome what you are doing to help the children of Afghanistan. Trinidad did an incredible job with this project and I hope I can do just as great as he has done. We just received a shipment of items about 4 days ago of school supplies, winter items (jackets, scarves, knit hats, gloves) blankets, toys, etc. One thing I could think of that we are lacking is items for babies from 0 to 24 months. What we have is great! But a lot of it is aimed at kids from 4-12...I have not*

even gotten through the entire room yet! Trinidad organized it well though so that will make it easier...One of the biggest tribes here are the Noorzai. I also sent you a picture of Trinidad and myself making a payment to a boy who helped clean up the road out here. It was this little boy and 4 of his friends. They always do a great job. The other picture is of Trinidad and me receiving boxes in the mail. A lot of it! Teresa”



*“Thanks for your help on the last shipment to La Palma. The people there really benefitted from it and the Lord’s Church benefitted most of all.”
(Ralph McClurg)*



Once again many responded in an amazing manner. Winter clothing items began arriving and distribution by our Marines began. At the end of November Trin was off to a classified destination and then will be returning to CA to his wife and baby girl (where his daughter will celebrate her first birthday with her daddy back home!). Corporal Rodriguez’s replacement is Sergeant Teresa Noble. Please see the attached photos of Trin and Teresa and continue, if you will, supporting this great outfit of Marines with winter relief for children of all ages. A list of boxes received and pics of distribution is available. For more information you can contact me or John & Jan Bradley of the Hillsboro congregation in Nashville (Email:TXMilMom@aol.com). You can send a flat rate USPS PRIORITY box with winter clothing to this address:

Sgt. Noble, Teresa
2/8 HQ COMPANY
UNIT 73225
FPO AE 09510-3225

THE LORD’S CHURCH IMPACTS THE REPUBLIC OF KYRGYZ...

In June we were informed that the Republic of Kyrgyzstan had been struck by turmoil and many were suffering and displaced. We were asked if we could send some benevolent help to relieve those suffering. In response we sent out an email asking brethren to help donate so we could answer this need. From the response of brethren we were able to send two pallets of canned foods and one pallet of heavy blankets. These pallets were shipped via United States Air Force to the Manas Air Force Base in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (this is where our air force is based that operates in Afghanistan and is a critical supply connection for our troops). Here is some of the communication in this project:

From: HUNDEMER, KENNETH L CTR USAF AMC 437 APS/DPX
Subject: RE: GOCOC/3446 to Manas AFB, KG

ALCON

To update on your pallet (ID: LRF2TY) just left Andrews AFB for Ramstein, Germany. We had hoped it would move last week but finally did last night. It arrived at Ramstein about 2 hours ago. From there it will move on to Manas, KG on next opportune mission. SSgt Batalon is our contact there. When the pallet arrives there, he will contact Rashid Shimarov with instructions on picking up the pallet. Contact information provided on your initial application is on the shipping documents. He is also copied in this email so you can begin dialog with him and Rashid Shimarov to ensure all goes smoothly when it arrives in Manas. UPDATE: The pallet moved from Ramstein AB, Germany to Al Udeid, Qatar on 31 Dec. Expect movement this week to Bagram AB or Manas. Ken

NEWS FROM VIJAY IN INDIA...

Preparations are underway to collect items to ship two "high-cube" containers (8'x40'x9.5') to India where Immadi will receive and distribute. Earlier I sent out a request for items and money to purchase items for these two containers. In response to this plea I received a call from brother David Blakeney, evangelist for the Lord's Church in Bermuda. These brethren have previously sent money to help with the relief efforts in Haiti. Now they have joined with us in sending \$200.00 to help with the India collections! This is a great encouragement to me and I know you will also rejoice in this expression of Christianity. Here is brother David's initial email.

From: Dave Blakeney
Sent: Wednesday, December 22, 2010 9:47 AM
To: John and Jennifer Kachelman
Subject: Re: Will you help your brethren in India?

Dear Brother Kachelman, Greetings in the name of the Lord. My brother we have a contribution to give for India. I will be contacting you very soon. In Christian love, Brother Blakeney

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN IBRAHIMPATNAM ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA...

During December Vijay and the brethren in his congregation undertook an evangelistic tour of preaching the Gospel during a 31 day tour to various villages. Vijay sent a number of emails reporting on this preaching tour. Here is a summary of Vijay's reports on this evangelistic effort in India.

Dear Beloved brother John L Kachelman Jr and family members and Church members, and saints in your country. We are very happy to meet you through this letter. We are very happy to come you with this humble representation.

Hearty New Year Greetings and Salutes to you all in the Holy name of Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and success in the year 2011 and we wish and pray that God he lead us in the year 2011 and we wish and pray that God may bless you all with good health and prosperity.

By the grace of God and through your fervent prayers, the Churches of Christ in India are going and growing well spiritually from year to year. The Ibrahimpatnam church of Christ since 1966 have been conducting preachers fellowship, tracts Distribution, door to door visit, House visits, with great difficulties. We have visited many places and established Church of Christ congregations in various places. Recently we have conducted the gospel meetings Coastal areas and Tribal areas with great difficulties. We have been distributing the Tracts in Telugu language. After accepting the truth and gospel, many people have been taking baptism in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We have many places in Andhra Pradesh are still in need of gospel.

Really with great difficulties we are preaching the truth and gospel in these circumstances and some people have been listening the truth and realizing it also. So we are also house visitings, conducting house visitings, tracts distribution etc., we are in dire need of bibles and songs books for free distribution. We have started gospel meetings daily from 1st December 2010 to 31st December 2010. We are going on foot for the said gospel meetings



Afghanistan



Teresa and Trinidad



“I also sent you a picture of Trinidad and myself making a payment to a boy who helped clean up the road out here. It was this little boy and 4 of his friends. They always do a great job. The other picture is of Trinidad and me receiving boxes in the mail. A lot of it! Teresa”

along with other gospel preachers and sisters also...By God's mercy and grace, the 31 days prayer meetings from 1st December, to 31st December, 2010 are successfully done. There are 27 members got baptism we have besieged 219 Houses who belong to our church of Christ at Ibrahimpnam from 1st January to 5th January 2011 and my wife Rajeswari also accompanied me. All the Church members praised God along with their family members. This visit is so useful though it is very great difficulty and many souls will be saved and we have visited from 7.00 AM. To 9.00 PM daily. We have a plan to distribute one lakh tracts, but due to lack of funds, saw could not print and distribute the same to the others. Sorry for the same. If God's will and through your prayers this year we will distribute the Tracts after printing. Elders of Ibrahimpnam Church of Christ decided and lead the Preachers Fellowship on 15th January 2011 at Vijayawada in a Hotel for which United States Brothers and Indian Brothers are also participating and the said elders asked me to lead the said fellowship meeting. God has given an opportunity to meet such huge preachers in this New Year for which I am so happy. We are in need of your prayers, cooperation, advices, encouragements for the developments for God's work in India and for the success of the said Preachers Fellowship meeting on 15th January 2011.

In my gospel meetings of 31 days I have to face the some problems the bus roots and train roots is cancelled by the government of India. I have to travel to Krisha River to the village of Mandhdam. Through your great prayers and God grace I have a safe journey to my home. Today I have preached to the denomination people in R.C.M with your great encouragement. This is my great confidence I will save some souls in this month. I know in every man life some times bad days life will come and some times good days life will come. I have to teach and preach the gospel in the globe.

We have conducted Bible classes and gospel meetings in the year 2010 in Tribal area, cities and villages. My Self and my co-preachers gave baptisms for 316 in various places. Really it is very great for us and it is the privilege given by our Almighty God and Jesus Christ. Really through your prayers, encouragement and advices and we are able to do this sort of nibisty.

Wherever we meet in prayers, we are specially praying for you and your families. The attendant of the said prayers asked us to convey their thanks and salutes to you all. We are wishing to conduct special prayers meetings in various places and you come to India and preach the truth and gospel amongst them.

The poor widows and orphan children and so many my church members are sick. One of my great beloved sisters is widow Minakshama has slept in Christ at hospital and other the two sisters of widows their poison is very critical at present this two widow sisters are also in hospital. My church elder Venkateswara Rao's wife was admitted in hospital and she is a diabetic patient last day on 27th Dec 2010. Doctors have done the operation and removed her right leg. My elder's family is a very great Christian family. This is winter and the weather is so cold and there by there are old aged widows have become sick and they are in the hospital for medical treatment. Brothers Curga Rao and Rama Rao are cooperating to the physicians in the hospital. They are also needed medicines. Please pray for them and their needs also. Many my brothers and sisters at present need of medicines and most wanted are clothes to childrens and widows so please help me.



“Everything here is going great, we are getting a lot of emails from people all over, telling us that they are sending us things for the children...I can't thank you enough for making this a reality.

My Bn is so excited about what we're doing and we all can't wait to begin receiving stuff...is it ok if you can send me any email's you receive from supporters that will be sending things to us. The reason I ask is so I can report to my major. He is so excited along with the rest of 2/9 about this. We're hoping to receive so much mail that we will distribute to just not 2/9's AO but other BN's AO's as well...did you receive the pictures I sent you of my SNCOIC's...well the whole team say's Hi and thank you again.”

Youth Bible classes and women Bible classes are going on well with spiritual fruits. All the poor widows, orphans and poor preachers, my family members and Church members are joining me and sending our thanks and salutes to one and all. I request your goodness and highness to kindly pray and do the needful to the poor preachers in this year 2011 who are anticipating your love and affection.

We are going to conduct Andhra Pradesh Preachers Lectureship either in the month of January or February 2011 and preachers will attend this meeting about 200 preachers from different places. We have a great desire to print one lakhs tracts and do distribution them to the preachers to distribute them in their villages with regard to the New Testament Truth. To get new souls which are perishing to get salvation we are planning to do the same. The same thing is decided in Ibrahimpatnam church by the church elders.

The youth also decided to conduct gospel processing in the January 2011 since the students will have holidays for two weeks. On 5th we want to conduct special prayer meeting for you and your family members. There is good tiding that and gospel. My wife N.Rajeswari is also conducting Bible classes for the women folk. We will arrange and conducting prayer and gospel meetings in different places on your visit to India. We are encouraging the youth to preach the gospel in India even after us.

Daily we are praying for you all. Please pray for us and our ministry also. Expecting a ammonization from you please. Brother please give me you guidance and you plans and your great suggestions for India churches of Christ development purpose continuously.

Please spare your time by reading this letter in your congregation. We invite you to our country – India and on your visit we will arrange the meetings in various places and villages in Tribal areas, cities, villages, Coastal areas also, and you can deliver the messages. To your knowledge India is country having heavy population consisting of Hindus, Muslims and is where the Gospel is very essential to be preached and spread. Though we are preaching the truth, the people slowly understand the truth. Please pay your auspicious visit to India and to our place and advise and encourage is for spreading that truth more and more in the year 2011.

Really we cannot forget your cooperation, help and encouragement throughout our lives. Whenever we reveal our troubles and afflictions, you opened your grip and help us. All the widows, orphans, preachers and church members and family are conveying their New Year greetings to you all.

Yours brother in Christ, N. Vijayarao

GREETINGS FROM NIGERIA...

In 2010 we received good news on the distribution of containers we had sent. Nigeria's society is in turmoil as there are clashes between Islam and Christianity and lawlessness is the dominate rule. Many of you have heard of the kidnappings and murders that have taken place in the nation. In the midst of this turmoil our brethren continue to serve and work with others in Nigeria that are seeking to follow God's Word.

One of our greatest helpers in Nigeria is the medical doctor “Zik” and his



wife, Chief Justice of Nigeria, Ory. They have been working in the warehouse in Judsonia preparing for a container to be shipped to medical instructions. Recently I receive the following email from Dr. Zik.

From: oryzikj@yahoo.co.uk

To: John Kachelman

Dear John Kachelman,

We bring you and your entire household the warmest greetings from Nigeria from our family.

We pray that God will show you His mercies and grant you strength, favor, good health and prosper the works of your hands on all sides.

The violence/kidnappings in the Aba area have stopped since November 2010 when the Federal govt of Nigeria sent a joint task force of Army, Navy and Airforce with helicopters and military armoured tanks. With the air backup, the various dens of these hudlums were located, raided, captured and utterly destroyed. They were also captured and sent home to hell! It was unfortunate but those who dig pits for others will themselves fall into the same traps. Life is coming back fast in the Aba city and environs.

We are Grateful for your prayers and still covet more especially for Nigeria as we enter the year of national political election. We want righteous men and women to rule so that we can have peace all around us and equally rejoice!

I have ordered some of the equipment: two covered airshield baby incubators, operation table, autoclave, and an ultrasound machine I really need for the Abuja hospital.

We appreciate all you have been doing for various places of the world to assist the sick and the poor for Christ. You will definitely not lose your reward.

We plan to come to Searcy and we will be glad to be with the congregation at Judsonia. We will let you know on time so you could schedule our visit.

We still pray earnestly for the shipments.

Please read the beautiful attachment showing that it is in God we live, move and have our being. Our love to your family.

Happy New Year from all of us! Dr Zik & Ory

GREETINGS FROM SUDAN...

Dear John, Greetings from Juba in Our Lord's Name Jesus Christ, I hope all is well with you. Are back from Europe? We well only the Referendum fever has affected everybody around Southern Sudan and the North Sudan. We are moving very well with the work of the Lord. Soon God wills I will be able to send to your end a compressive report on our work in Sudan.

Grace and Peace, Peter Lasu Ladu

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