



The Gaudet Family

For Souls Still Waiting...

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Outreach

In past prayer letters we have made mention of a huge initiative involving even more languages and possibilities for reaching out to people around the globe. Actually developing this has taken longer than we planned due to technical issues, and therefore we are still not ready to launch it, but I cannot refrain any longer in announcing this to you, our supporters.

Basically the effort involves a network of language-specific websites with interactive studies, as well as hosting the Bible in each of the languages. There will be studies for evangelistic, follow up, and discipleship as well as communication with a counselor who speaks that language.

For many years we have been keenly aware of the need to be able to keep connected with those who have expressed interest in the Gospel. Follow up to outreaches in huge international settings such as the Olympics or Asian Games has proven difficult or impossible as people return to their countries. It is not enough to give them the Gospel; we must have in place a method of following up.

All of these websites will be optimized for smartphones and tablets as well as computers. You must understand how prolific access to the internet is for people even in developing (3rd world) countries. In many countries, smartphones are selling for \$30. This gives internet access to people who previously did not even have a land-line phone in their homes due to the cost and availability.

We have registered several websites and are populating a number of them with interactive data now. Among the first to go live will be

Urdu, Spanish, Thai, and English.

To date we have been working with volunteer IT professionals who have invested no less than \$75,000 of their volunteer time. How we thank God for their partnering with us in such a visionary way. They understand the possibilities.

We are partnering now with brethren in the countries represented

by each language. In some countries the only Bible or Christian literature people will have access to will be via efforts such as this. Rather than a huge advertising budget to direct people to the sites, we plan to use the existing social media networks many people are already using in each language. For example, Bangkok, Thailand is the largest city in the world for using Facebook. Manila, Philippines is second on that list.



Brethren within those countries who are already communicating on social media in their language will be able to share well developed links to the evangelistic site. This is a proven method. Even in churches, people attest to the fact that they came to Christ because a friend brought them.

By now we had hoped to give you actual statistics of how many people have gone to the sites but alas, the technical issues are not yet all worked out. We have been focusing on this since January. This is the biggest effort with the most potential we have ever made to reach people with the Gospel.

All the above we have just outlined to you is in addition to the ongoing work already in place. It certainly has not been nor will be the work of one person. Additionally, it will require a huge amount of logistics. Please pray!

Grandkids

Our Daughter's family spent a month with us during the summer. It was a glorious time as we had not seen our grandchildren in 4 years. We sort of went in every direction that we could with an average temperature



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of 100 degrees for most of the time they were with us. It was great. Alas, they have come and gone, and are already back in Lithuania where they have served for almost 18 years.

For the next two months we are visiting supporters then plan to return to Thailand in November. Please pray for this time. Krinny shares more about some health issues we have been battling...

From Krinny...

These last several months have been quite a challenge for me. I knew my health and strength were failing and I prayed for the Lord to show me what to do, since there was not anything specific that I could pin point as a cause. Within a matter of days Tom and I were in Pennsylvania and had both been diagnosed with chronic Lyme Disease. Prayer answered, treatment begun. It is a very difficult treatment, however we are on the road to recovery. It is slow going and will take some time and "staying the course."

The greatest blessing of the last year and a half was getting to see our daughter, son-in-law and all 4 of our grandchildren. We had not seen our grandchildren in 4 years. They were able to stay with us for almost a month and we had a very good time with them. However...have you ever played a game where you worked your way to the top, played your turn, then had to go

back to the end of the long line, and again work your way back to the top? That is what it feels like to me now. It was wonderful to see them, but now begins the long wait until we see them again. This is the hardest part that missionaries and the families of missionaries face. Pray for us. Pray that we recover our health and that we have the opportunity to go to Lithuania and see them next time. They have been missionaries in Lithuania for 18 years.

We have been "on the road" many times and have seen many of our old ...emphasis on old...friends. I thought to myself "boy these guys are looking so old." Then I looked in the bathroom mirror in the hotel and wondered who the old people who were looking back at us were. That hotel mirror must have been haunted. The same two old people followed us home and are now in our own bathroom mirror. Must be some Halloween trick. I hate Halloween.

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Tom & Krinny



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