December 2014

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Thristmas is always special when we step away from all the commercialization and reflect on the Lord Jesus. It is especially so as we are at home and enjoying the fellowship of brethren in our sponsoring Church. We were even able to enjoy a brief visit from our daughter and son-in-law. What a blessing!

The Work Continues

Type just received another seagoing container of Scripture portions in the Burmese language. Our coworkers in Thailand handled all of the details of that shipment. How we praise the Lord for them. Please pray as we sort out the delivery and distribution of these materials.

The Urdu New Testament files have been turned over to be printed. A lot of details remain concerning printing, shipping, and distribution. It has been a huge effort to date. The news is a constant reminder of the great need in Pakistan. People there have suffered so much. It is a blessing to be able to pray and do something to see them have the Word of God.

The longer we are in this work the more aware we are of the great need. Globally, language groups with millions of people remain which have not been touched with the Word of God. The task is so huge. Over the years the enormity of the task has taught us partnership and networking with others of like faith. During our time here in the USA we have focused a lot of attention on that networking. Some strategic alliances with brethren in translation and printing ministries have been strengthened and others formed along the way.

I hesitated to use that term, strategic alliance as it is often heard bantered back and forth in the business world. It is defined:

"A strategic alliance is an agreement between two or more parties to pursue a set of agreed upon objectives needed while remaining independent organizations.' Oftentimes we, as independent Baptists do not like to think of ourselves in any



other way besides "independent." However as missionaries, we realize that we certainly are not independent in that sense of the word.

Even in this, the most basic principal of how we "do" missions it is because of a "strategic alliance" with you, our supporters that we are able to do what God called us to do. The field is the world (Matt 13:38). It is not my field only, it is our field. Personally, I thank the Lord for that kind of dependence upon each other.

As the end of the year approached we realized that without extending our time here in the USA we would not be able to visit all our supporters. After considering the impact on the work and consulting with our Pastor, we have decided to do just that. We are booking meetings now and (Lord willing!) will be traveling for the next several months

This coming February 5th will mark 10 years since we began work in Thailand! It has been 9 years longer than we planned, but the Lord has led all along the way. Thank you for standing with us in this work. It could not happen without you.

From Krinny...

Y Christmas present came early this year in the form of an Lunexpected visit from our daughter and son-in-law. They were able to come to Texas for a few days in mid December. We had not seen Brian in 4 years and had not seen Lisa in 2 years, since she visited us in Thailand.. It was a wonderful 4 days. We were able to do some Christmas shopping together and had a few meals out and laughed a lot. We still have not seen our grandchildren in 4 yrs, as they were not able to come this time, but Lord willing, we will see the whole family in the summer of 2015. We are saving money to have a real family vacation when they get here. 2014 was an exciting and very eventful and successful year in Scripture publishing and as always we are blessed of the Lord to

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