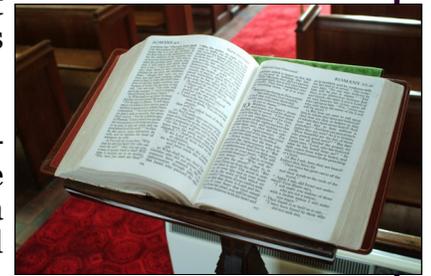




## *Dear Friends,*

Every time I start a new prayer letter, I am amazed at how the time has flown since the last one. I continue to age, life continues to offer challenges and opportunities, and God continues to provide blessing upon blessing. I look back to realize it is over three years since I came home after 15.5 weeks in the hospital and rehab facility and over five years since my surgery for cancer. God is so good. I still use a walker as my knees are bad and they do not want to chance more infections with surgery. In the fall/early winter, I dealt with some substantial all over body pain that was finally diagnosed as PMR (a member of the arthritis family of illnesses). The good part is it is treatable with Prednisone (numerous side effects but the only medicine for this particular issue) and that in time (could be a few years), it does go away. I am grateful for that hope and for the wonderful medical care available to me! I am always reminded that God is in control and that nothing surprises Him!

My sister and her husband were here for a couple of short visits during the summer and these are always a great encouragement to me. Linda and I love to talk quilting, fabrics and books and I get the updates on her family. We are discussing my possible move to New York so that I could be with her and near her family. This would be a big change for me but I would not have to live alone anymore. I could continue to work as the Lord allows. Good News is an important part of my life. Again, we are trusting God to direct and I would appreciate your prayers for this potential change in my life. If it did happen, I envision it is a year or two away.



The ministry continues to provide a source of ways for me to be actively involved in what God is doing around the world. Gary Franz has shown a tremendous heart for the internationals and the prison ministry. It is not easy to step into a position as Vice President of International Ministry but he is off to a great start. He has traveled to some of the countries where we have established ministries, met with National Directors and is implementing the position of Area Director (something Dr. Harry Fletcher envisioned happening). There are four Area Directors; Latin America, Africa, Eurasia, and MENA (Middle East and Northern Africa). These divisions were established based on geographical and cultural similarities. Each person has been carefully selected and has, or is being, trained to come alongside the National Directors and help with day to day operations, provide suggestions and guidance and be a local/cultural resource for the National Directors and for Gary Franz. Since this is still in the development stages, it will be interesting to see how my position integrates into the structure.

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One of my greatest joys is to read of what God is doing in the lives of inmates around the world. I continue to see some of the testimonies of lives changed and of National Directors who have an incredible heart for these who are often looked down on or forgotten totally. In the USA we see inmates provided with their daily needs but in many countries there may be only one meal a day (providing food is available) with little or no nutritional value, poor living conditions (some without beds or mattresses), lack of sanitary facilities, no provision of basic items like soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, and clothes and no concern for these needs. To the left is the picture of a cell block in an African prison and below it, the chaplain unloads a gift of mattresses God so graciously provided. The National Directors and chaplains give all that they have in an effort to provide whatever possible for the inmates where they minister. I see the selflessness of these men and women and am challenged to be as dedicated to sharing the Gospel and discipling others as they are.



Here are a couple of comments from different inmate testimonies:

**Bolivia:** *I come to this discipleship class on Tuesdays and the words of the chaplain make me think and act in a better way. I am reinforcing my beliefs in Jesus and I am understanding little by little the Scriptures. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to know Him.*

**Nigeria:** *A lady chaplain from GNJ&PM came to the prison and gave a sermon, I was asked to read a portion of Bible that says the wages of sin is death, but the gift God is eternal life. She took time to explain it and I was touched by the Holy Spirit to think about the message. When I returned to the cell, the verse played on in my memory and it was at this point that I asked what I can do to get saved. The following week when the lady chaplain came, I talked to her and she guided me so that I trusted Jesus Christ for salvation. Now I have a great hunger for God's Word; reading and studying the Scriptures, meditation and sharing my Christian faith with other inmates in the yard.*

Approximately 8 years ago, some of you helped me to raise funds for an office computer and printer for the Philippines. The equipment was old and failing to meet the need but a typhon that hit the office some months ago, flooded the room and destroyed the computer. I would love to see if we could raise \$750 to replace this with new equipment that would meet the needs of the wonderful chaplains in the ministry there. The needs around the world are great and it is always hard for me to choose where the need is greatest but this is one that has been close to my heart for a long time. The computer in this picture is the one that was purchased in 2010 and was destroyed by the typhon.



Let me take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you that have provided support and encouragement for me. Prayer support is the best thing you can do but financial support is also a real blessing. This past year you provided nearly 25% of my support and I truly appreciate that! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Words are not adequate to tell you how much I appreciate each of you. I am much blessed. May God bless you as you seek to serve Him where He has planted you. In His grace,

*Nancy*