



International Ministry

Dear Friends...

The apostle Paul wrote, *But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you . . .* (2 Thess. 2:13a). Sometimes creative writers of poetry and song can put into words what we often feel in our hearts, but have a difficult time expressing verbally. Several years ago Andrae Crouch wrote, *How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me? Things so undeserved yet You gave to prove Your love for me. The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am, and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.* Muriel and I had wonderful holidays, and we hope you did also. We spent Christmas Eve with Rob, Mary Jo and the two grandsons and then arrived on Christmas at Don, Donna, and the 3 older grandsons in York, PA. We are so grateful for our family. We also give thanks to God for our extended family and the many friends He has given us in the family of God. We are blessed beyond measure. It's impossible to adequately express that thanksgiving, but please know you are included. I hope this newsletter will encourage your hearts as you are a vital part of this team. Thank you for your intercessory prayers and faithful support! We love you very much!



Self Sustaining Enterprises...



For several years I have encouraged our international directors to think creatively about ways in which we might help them develop a business enterprise or encourage local churches/believers in their countries to support the Good News Ministry. On our recent trip to Africa, we dedicated the opening and first phase of our chicken farm (picture on left). Last year an individual gave a \$50,000 matching grant to Russia and Estonia to help encourage Christians

and churches in those countries to support their prison ministries. That gift did generate giving, and some support has been sustained. In my October letter, I mentioned the hog farm in the Philippines. It should enable them to be 85% independent of USA funding in fiscal year 2013-14. While in Africa Larry Gurley and I met with each of our international directors in Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda and Uganda to help them think through some possible enterprises. Larry continues to assist these directors to develop a business plan which we believe will generate in-country funds in those countries. (Larry pictured on right with Arnold, the manager of the chicken farm in Malawi.)



A Financial Update . . .

A Financial Overview: In this section, I want to give you an overview of what is needed by June 30th in order to meet the income budget for this fiscal year. I believe that expenses are under control, and I expect no surprises. On the income side, there are two areas -- (1) cash in hand, and (2) "hard" commitments -- that give me a pretty good picture as to what we can anticipate. **At this point, Good News Int'l. needs about \$94,000 above and beyond the cash/hard commitments by June 30th in order to meet our income budget.** Please pray for the Lord to touch the hearts of those He wants to partner with us.

Six Countries in Special Need: We have ministries in 22 areas of the world. I am pleased to report that 16 of those areas are funded this fiscal year with cash and/or hard commitments. Here are the financial needs of the remaining 6 countries that will enable them to be fully funded. The three Baltic countries **Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania** are former Soviet Union countries with strong ministries. The governments of Latvia and Estonia recognize and financially support our Good News chaplains, but the inflation in the Baltics is making it very difficult for the chaplains to provide for their families. Lithuania is less than 1% evangelical Christian, and the government does not give evangelicals constitutional rights, yet God has allowed us to place 9 chaplains in those prisons. The needs in these countries are **Latvia (\$7,391), Estonia (\$17,635), and Lithuania (\$19,685).**

We have two chaplains faithfully serving in the prisons in Lebanon. This is the only Arab state that is not officially Muslim. **The need in Lebanon is \$6,980.** The Good News ministry in the Philippines is projected to be 85% self-supporting through the hog farm in fiscal year 2013-14. **The need for this fiscal year in the Philippines is \$4,765.** The last country with a need is Venezuela. We have 38 chaplains in Venezuela, and most of the income is generated within their country. The funds we send are to help those chaplains, under the discretion of the national director, who serve in the very poor areas. **The present need for Venezuela is \$3,940.** If God leads you to support any of these needs, please be sure and designate the gift for the particular country. Thanks so much for praying.

In closing, thank you so very much for your fellowship with us in reaching inmates around the world with the message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Andrae Crouch finished that great song by singing *To God be the glory . . . for the things He has done.* Blessings!

In His mighty love,



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Praises:

1. For the Lord's blessings upon family and ministry - He has been so good to us!
2. For our trip to Africa -- everything went according to schedule and we experienced good health and strength each day - incredible!

Prayer:

1. For the Lord's provision in January and February so no cuts have to be made in March.
2. For the Lord's blessing as we meet with church leaders, donors and friends in MA, RI, PA, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, and FL the next two months.

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