In the third of five warnings in the Hebrew epistle the writer exhorts his readers to be diligent and not slothful (Heb. 6:11-12). He encourages them with the example of Abraham (verses 13-15), who was patient and who persevered. He reminds them that their God cannot lie, that His counsel is immutable, that His word is true and that ALL He has promised will come to pass! Let us in 2012 be more diligent, dedicated and devoted to the Lord and to every aspect of assembly life.
Building Project: We are totally dependent upon the Lord to meet our need. What the Lord provides we carefully spend and have in place a very detailed account system. Much progress has been made throughout 2011. We have been able to finish one room inside (Ukraine Aid room in the basement) and almost another two rooms (prayer meeting room and a little library/fire escape). Outside we have now all our windows and doors installed, the building plastered, ready for painting in the spring of 2012 (D.V.) and the paving stones down, at the front of the building.

One of the most difficult aspects of the building process is trying to plan ahead - not sure when and what the Lord will provide for us. We began in February 2009 and have looked to the Lord each month to provide the necessary funding to pay for the materials ordered and wages for the builders. We hope to do major inside work throughout the winter.

The assembly will be celebrating its tenth anniversary at the end of April 2012 and we would love to be able to use the main hall on that occasion. We firmly believe that a finished building will be such a blessing for the work here in Lutsk. Do continue to pray that the Lord will provide. More information on the website www.nta.lutsk.ua.

The assembly continues to grow both spiritually and numerically. It was a joy for us, in July, to baptize a young sister, Olga, whose father, mother and brother are in happy assembly fellowship. It is good to see a family all saved and in assembly fellowship. We continue to be active in the Gospel in the hall, on the streets of Lutsk, and in various neighbouring villages. Many unsaved attend our weekly meetings and we know of two who are showing an interest.

We were encouraged to hear that a young sister, Nadia, would like to be baptized. We have just finished some meetings in the village of Ozeraw. The children learnt John 1:1-5 and listened attentively each night with fifteen unsaved adults attending.

We would appreciate your continued prayers for Anatoly and Jeannette. She has been unwell and gone back to Newfoundland for treatment. Anatoly, who is very faithful to the assembly and to the work here, has had a difficult year with the death of both his father and grandmother. His grandfather, almost ninety-two, is not well and not saved.

Lydia, a widow, has a great testimony where she lives and is so faithful in attending the assembly. She is very poor and would appreciate your prayers.


Conference: We had the joy of our brethren Paul McClarty and James Colledge for the 2011 conference. During eight days we had seven ministry meetings, six children's meetings, two Gospel meetings, five open-air meetings, one baptism and distributed thousands of Gospel tracts. Brother Paul spoke on the book of James and the ministry was challenging and practical. Brother James took the children's meetings in the nearby village of Ozeraw and by Friday we had eighty-six children and a number of adults attending. James was faithful in his teaching of the children and the Gospel was clearly preached.

The caring of one-hundred-and-thirty-five children brings them into contact with the Gospel they would never otherwise hear. It is our privilege, through your help, to bring the Gospel to the most vulnerable in society. We have seen some of these young people saved. Indeed one of the sisters in the assembly (Ira), who helps in this work, was once one of these children herself. What is the value of a soul?

One-Hundred Children Taught the Scriptures Daily and Given a Hot Meal: Bobby & Elizabeth Carson (who are such a help in this work) visited us during October to see how the work progresses. Every day approximately one-hundred children sing choruses, learn passages of Scripture (in 2011 they quoted John 10 & 1 Tim. 2) as well as listen to a bible story. This is an amazing work that will be a true blessing. Without your support these children
would not get a hot meal, nor would they have help regarding clothes and medicines.

**Fifty-Two Special Needs Children:** One sister in the assembly (Vita) has the responsibility of visiting each apartment twice a month and delivering a food bag plus pampers, clothes and shoes. No words could describe the totally pitiful conditions in which these children live as many of them live and die in one room, having never been outside! What a privilege for the assembly here, through your help, to show just a little care. Mykola (17), has been paralyzed from birth. The only other boy in the family was also paralyzed and died eight years ago. Mykola's mother cannot work as she has to look after him.

**Thirty-Five Orphans:** At the beginning of September I had a meeting with the director of all twenty-six schools here in Lutsk. With tears in her eyes she asked me if we could take responsibility of providing a hot meal for another one-hundred-and-ten children who, she described, as the "poorest of the poor." We visited each apartment and came back to the director having decided, before the Lord, to take care of thirty-five children who live in the vicinity of the Gospel Hall. In the last weeks, eight of these children have started to attend Sunday School. They are orphans and some of them have major health problems. Without salvation, the future is unthinkable. It is hard to visit them and remain untouched. We cannot help all the children of the world so does that mean we should close our eyes and help none? The "fatherless" have a special place in the heart of God and the Father, (James 1:27) and it is our privilege to help as many as we can.

Karina (9), Myroslava (11) and Vika (8), orphan girls whose father died from tuberculosis and their mother left them a long time ago, are being looked after by their grandparents. Also in the apartment is the grandmother’s father, who has leukemia and their divorced uncle. We have stood in this apartment and listened to the cries of the grandmother, “What is going to happen to the girls if I die?” Salvation is the only answer and through your kindness Karina, Myroslava and Vika are now able to hear the Gospel.
Over the past years many assemblies and individuals have sacrificed so much, so that we can carry on this most important work. We have many, who are poor in the assembly here in Lutsk, as well as one-hundred-and-thirty-five children plus fifty-two special needs children, who really depend on us! The aid you so generously give is most beneficial!

During 2011 we opened a new distribution room in the basement of the Gospel Hall. This has been a great blessing and many have benefited greatly. Ukraine Aid really appreciates your help!

We have much to be thankful for and the Lord has truly blessed us. Someone has said, "A pessimist sees a difficulty in every opportunity. An optimist sees an opportunity in every difficulty." God wants to use our difficulties to make us better, not bitter. God sends trials not to impair us but to improve us. Rhoda and I would like to sincerely thank you for your interest in the work of God here. We covet your prayers and greatly appreciate your practical support. We really mean it when we say we could not do what we are doing without you. It means so much to us to know that you labour with us in the Gospel! Please remember our family in prayer: James & Esther and their little girls, Keren & Selah, and our sons, Thomas & Andrew.

The difficulties in our lives, the obstacles we face, give God the opportunity, to show His power and grace.

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We would like to thank all those who have prayed for and supported us in the work here over the past six months and trust that as you read the update, you will be encouraged to pray more intelligently.

Albania has just celebrated the ninety-ninth anniversary of independence. Thousands of people gave their lives to set us free from the long ruled Ottoman Islamic empire and, after almost one hundred years, their blood was not shed in vain. However, we want to consider our state under a more crueler ruler in a darker kingdom and be thankful to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, for the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of the martyrs (cfr Heb. 12:24).

Emmaus/Publication: The translation and proofreading work continues. In the age of internet we are trying to build up a website for the Emmaus courses, to have them available online and which we feel will reach a much wider audience. Currently there are eleven correspondence courses in Albanian which we look forward to seeing published online in 2012. We have also compiled an introduction brochure outlining the available courses and a little about each, which have been given out to most of the assemblies. Although we long to have many more courses available, the lack of volunteers to help in this work remains a problem so progress is rather slow as it is only part of our ministry.

As we have done over the past few years in preparation for the annual book fair, a new Gospel tract was written, this time regarding the ancient manuscripts of the NT discovered here in Albania in 1969. They had been in the secret possession of the monks until then, when the son of the last remaining monk, who was aware of their location and their importance, informed the authorities. They were sent to China for restoration work before returning a few years later to the possession of the state where they remain in archives.

Prison ministry: We continue to travel to the prison in Lezha every Thursday, visiting cells and teaching English. The inmates understand that our main reason for being there is not the English classes but the Gospel. More than once the class has been abandoned and the whole time has been spent around the Word, discussing and debating with the inmates who have many questions about Christianity. On one occasion an imam was there and left the room pensive as he had been clearly moved by what he had heard. In October we were able to distribute six-hundred parcels that had been donated for the prison work. There was one for every inmate, and along with them we gave the Emmaus course, “Born to Win.” It took a series of Thursdays to complete the task as we personally met with each individual. Since then we have received several completed exam booklets and requests for further courses.

Outreach/New Assembly: At the beginning of November it was our great privilege to have the first baptism at our little assembly. Anisa (25), was saved two years ago when her father died of cancer. On the night of her baptism, all of her family were there to witness the happy occasion including her mother and twin brother who are still unsaved. There were
around fifty present with quite a few of Anisa’s unsaved friends and another unsaved girl who came because of social network advertising! Anisa is already giving some help with the children’s meetings and we hope that her decision may embolden others to take a step for Christ. Klajdi has been saved for some years but lost contact with Christians after he came back from his studies in France. I have been doing weekly follow-up studies since we made contact at Easter. Just a few weeks ago he also was received into fellowship and we trust that these new additions will feel the burden of their responsibility within the assembly and be involved in helping us reach out to others with the Gospel.

Over the summer we were engaged with tract distribution on one of the main boulevards in Tirana. Many passersby stopped to converse and the literature was very well received. A man involved with Moonism, stopped for a long chat and later came along to the Sunday night meeting. The numbers at the Saturday morning children’s meeting are growing, for which we are thankful. We need more volunteers to help with keeping discipline and with the lessons. As a group of them are now in their teens, we are considering the possibility of dividing them to accommodate the large age difference and the challenges that brings, as well as getting closer to them on an individual basis.

In September we restarted the English classes which are biweekly. There are around fifteen and, while they are free, the main purpose is to make meaningful contacts and exposure to the gospel. Following last semester we now have several students taking part in one-to-one Bible studies and intermittently coming to the Gospel meetings.

In November we were present again at the National Book Fair in Tirana, with our stall and sharing the Gospel. We had designed and printed 3,500 calendars for 2012, along with other Christian literature and two girls from N.I. helped us with the display and distribution. The five days passed quickly as we talked from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and had so many conversations with Muslims, Orthodox, Catholics, atheists and many others. Some conversations took up to one hour and we trust that the Lord will work in the hearts of those who conversed and took literature. On Sunday evening we organized a special outreach night presenting the ancient NT manuscripts, concluding with the message of salvation. There were four men present for the very first time, which was encouraging. Please pray for the thousands of calendars and tracts distributed, that the word of God may bear fruit.

Children’s home: We try to visit the children’s home in Gjirokaster two to three times a year, although it is a five-hour drive. We usually bring our children with us as it is good to see them making friends with the children there. At our last board meeting, some important decisions were taken for the future of the house and the children. We continue to pray for a committed couple with a call to serve these disadvantaged children, who would initially work alongside Marijan and the local staff and then become Marijan’s replacement.

Various: Although most of our effort is concentrated with the little Assembly here, we are still involved with visiting other Assemblies for Bible teaching. Recently we had the national annual conference when the believers renew fellowship with one another and listen to the ministry. Unfortunately it has become difficult to find a venue to accommodate us all so for many it was standing room only. Tirana is the most central place for a conference and many feel that it is time to buy land and build our own facility. This would also facilitate more frequent meetings of the believers.

December was calendar distribution month. We received another six thousand from the Albanian Christian Fund. We also prepared flyers which we hung on door handles in our area, with an invitation to ask for a daily calendar. We received around eight-hundred of these from a German brethren printing press and were pleasantly surprised when people came asking for one. Among them was a well-known surgeon with whom I was able to have some discussion. Another gentleman who came, also came the following week to the special outreach meeting on Christmas Day. We also advertised on
one of the social network sites and had many more requests from Albania and Kosovo. We were glad to post these, along with an Emmaus course and pray that not only the Word may be read but that hearts will respond to the Saviour. We were also able to give inmates a copy for their prison walls. On December 24th we had a special Christmas meeting for the children and gave prizes for attendance. We were surprised to see thirty-one children.

Presently I am involved in further publishing work. A Bible will be printed for the major cities with a local picture of each city on the front. We will add an evangelistic explanation as an introduction. Another book request is from a German brother, targeting youth, regarding moral issues.

Family: Luke is in 3rd class for preschoolers while Benjamin is in 2nd class. Esther is on her feet and cruising around the furniture. My Mum attends the Sunday evening meetings - pray for her salvation.

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We appreciate getting the magazine but our problem is we have no means of receiving it in a more modern way, having no means of communication - no e-mail, mobile phone or phone. Our post office is sixty miles away at Loloma. We are living in the backwoods! Last rainy season we were cut off by floods for three months and then another month till the water dried up. It looks this year will be the same as we are having much rain already.

Fortunately the floods don’t reach our area and does not hinder our work except we cannot reach distant assemblies and Sunday schools. The children at two Sunday Schools have to walk nine miles to receive their prizes but they don’t mind as the prizes are good. We are in need of workers - a young couple would be ideal as we are getting on in years. I will be ninety in March and Eva is five years younger. We have proved His faithfulness through the years.

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For five-and-a-half years we have lived and worked in Fort Beaufort preaching, having Sunday Schools, open-air preaching, getting to know people, youth work, calendar distribution, Bible course distribution, attending cultural functions - the typical things that missionaries do, not to mention praying, pleading and interceding continuously for people in this town. We did not see any visible fruit. There were times we wondered if anyone in the town would even notice if we up and left. Some days we felt like doing just that. We knew God called us here and in the last three months, six young people have trusted the Lord. It is a joy to see them growing in Him! We want to say thank you for your prayers and support over the years.
We marvel at the goodness of our God over many years, allowing us the privilege of serving Him and spreading the Gospel in this needy land. We have secured some new sites for the Gospel verses on the highways, to be displayed over the holiday season when thousands of people are travelling.

During these past twelve months we have been somewhat restricted in our activities, with over four months spent in hospital for intravenous antibiotics. With so much time off we have not been able to have as many Gospel verses displayed on the highways as previous years, nevertheless millions of people would have read the Word of God in forty-six different locations.

With the Lord's enabling we also managed to cover 200,000 homes with Gospel literature and run a series of newspaper ads. While the volume of response was less than previous years, even in this we could see the Lord's hand in reducing our workload. Some of those who were in touch by letter, telephone and text message, were good contacts. We continue to sow the 'good seed', trusting that some will have fallen on good ground.

There were occasions when we were removed quite suddenly from the work and yet we cannot question God's ways as we think of some with whom we were brought into close contact in hospital and the opportunity to present the Gospel. We could only acknowledge that our being there was of God. During our last two weeks in hospital we had quite a lengthy conversation with a Jewish rabbi and felt humbled when we considered that he belonged to the nation whom God had chosen to be the custodians of His truth and yet here we were, just poor Gentiles, privileged to bring the Truth of the Gospel to this man. We truly marvel at God's grace and will praise Him forever.

As always, the Lord balances the disappointments with experiences that uplift us and the months past have had their share of situations that have grieved our souls. How we long for evidence of greater zeal and spirituality. Conditions in some areas have driven us to our knees and we are also deeply saddened to hear brethren criticizing the Word of God, either from the platform or in articles in magazines, which would indicate that they have lost their way. As a young believer, never once did we hear Godly overseers or teachers ever criticize the Holy Scriptures. As we consider the amazing work of God in the Reformation, we are convinced that those forty-seven men who gave us our Bible in English, were specially fitted by God. These men were most proficient in Hebrew, Greek and English and some of them could speak Hebrew and Greek as though it were their mother tongue. Do you wonder that we are amused when we hear brethren say, "This is how it should read," as though they had some special
revelation? Older brethren may have quoted J. N. Darby or Mr. Newberry's margin as a suggestion of an additional thought, always making it clear that this was the opinion of these men, but never once suggesting that the Bible was wrong. When we hear brethren quote some of these modern versions, which in so many cases detract from the Person of Christ, and they suggest we ought to replace what is written, we are truly disturbed.

We are thankful that God has balanced the disappointments with experiences of blessing. In the year that is past we have been encouraged to know of souls being saved. We thank our God for that which has given us joy locally and are so pleased that our brethren continue to preach the Gospel in the park, at Burleigh Heads and Cooroy and in the Brisbane Mall, with encouragement. Other brethren have been engaged in series of Gospel meetings and our young brother, Clive Barber, has been making good use of the tent. We also appreciate our brethren who continue to maintain a testimony to the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in isolated areas, though often few. We have enjoyed their fellowship in days past but, with reduced lung capacity, it is no longer possible to drive the distances but we do remember them in prayer.

When my health permits, we enjoy sharing in ministry and Gospel in a number of assemblies here in South East Queensland. We will value your continued prayers.

**Items for prayer:**

1. Please pray that many will be convicted of their sin and brought to repentance and faith in Christ as they read the Gospel verses displayed on the highway signs across Australia.
2. Pray that God will bless His Word distributed in tract form to millions of homes in recent years.
3. Pray for the many who have responded to our offer of a free Bible and additional literature, that they will be saved.
4. Pray for believers gathered to the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ in Australia and New Zealand, who are seeking to maintain scriptural assembly testimony, particularly for small companies in remote areas.
5. Pray for believers in isolated areas where, because of the distances, are deprived of Christian fellowship.
6. Pray that God will raise up young men to take the Gospel to the many towns and villages where there are no assemblies.
7. Brethren pray for us.

**Kowloon, HONG KONG**

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There is much opportunity to enlarge the preaching of the Word. We look unto the Lord for His power and blessings in 2012. We pray that the Word of God may have free course and glorified through the literature and the preaching of Christ.

We keep visiting the believers in China and have seen the gospel being fruitful and expanded, for which we are so glad. It is through the preaching of the Word of God and the gracious work of the Holy Spirit in them. We had three days of gospel meetings in Tsuen Wan and three days in Huadou city. These were held on the third and fourth week of July as it is school summer holiday and a very good opportunity for about ninety students and thirty adults to come under the gospel. We thank the Lord, Who gave us power to preach His word. In Huadou, I laboured with some workers there and, with the Lord's help and God's grace, thirty-five young and older people confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus and were publicly baptized on July 17th.

We thank the Lord for His wonderful grace in saving some souls who were added to the assembly in Mongkok. There were two young men, two Filipino ladies and a young lady. They are Henry Hui, Jay Shong, Marites Delo, Cristina Balboa and Ruth Yiu. They took the step of faith in baptism, publicly confessing the saving power of our Lord Jesus, before relatives and friends.

We also received a thank you letter from the Shenyang assembly in a northern province of China. They said, “The past decade most of us have been obtaining the benefits from your service in the CBR literature. The beautiful and meaningful tracts,
calendars and books, have influenced many local residents, believers and unbelievers, here and beyond.” From November 11th to 14th, I made a visit to Shenyang, for the brethren asked to give ministry. The Lord helped me to preach on the Seven Assemblies in Chapters one to three of Revelation, plus a gospel message. It was a very profitable time to me and to the saints there. Their attitude toward the Lord and His Word was so encouraging. They have a great desire to learn the Word of God, even to sit down for hours to hear and ask many questions from the Bible. I also gave them some methods to memorize Romans and the Ephesian epistles.

We also discussed how to present the gospel to reach more people. Even though under limited freedom, it is also a risk. There were ten university students in this meeting plus some believers and an English professor, brother Chan, who teaches in the university, using many opportunities to teach creation in the school. He made the secretary so angry that he charged brother Chan not to teach creation in the school. The secretary gave many warnings and threatened to fire him. However, in the will of God, recently the secretary moved to another place. He should have had six more years to work here and the amazing thing is that the new secretary is brother Chan's student from the past who is respectable to his teacher. We were so glad our God can do wonderful things for His people so that we may boldly say, “The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.” We trust the Lord will save some for His glory.

Recently, a brother brought us ten thousand copies of a gospel booklet. We had distributed some in H.K. and most were distributed in the mainland. It has been well used in different cities.

We keep going in the open air gospel preaching,tracting in Tsuen Wan and in Mongkok market and park. We pray the Lord will use His powerful Word to convict and convert people to God and faith to our Lord Jesus. With many thanks and appreciation for your prayer support and fellowship in the Lord.

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Because of our need to keep abreast of Canadian Health Insurance regulations, we are obliged to spend six months of each year in Canada and, as we can, the rest of our time in Japan. This is a real trial to us as it means a return trip across the Pacific each year which we feel we could readily do without. We have by no means ‘retired’ although some entities have put us, arbitrarily, on their ‘retired missionaries’ list. The time we spend in either country is, as far as we are able, given to helping the saints of the assemblies where we are best known. Slowed down and not able to travel too much, it is a case of ‘faint but pursuing.’ We have just returned a few days ago from five months in Fuchu, intending to be in British Columbia for the next few months to satisfy the ‘powers that be.’

The year just past has been quite different to the average. This is the result of both Edythe and me being overtaken with bouts of illness. Some years ago Edythe damaged her ankle badly while we were in Bangor, N.I. The damage was well taken care of by the doctors but a couple of small bones were
apparently overlooked. In due course they began to give much trouble, so early last year they were operated on and Edythe wore a leg cast for three months which limited her movements greatly. We thank the Lord that the treatment was a success.

Five years ago I had a serious bout of congestive heart failure, resulting in a period of hospitalization. For the past year I have been plagued by breathlessness, whether being active or not, so now I’m the invalid in the family! You’ll appreciate why we have been so curtailed in our service, both in the Gospel and ministry. Thankfully, we are not completely incapacitated.

Twice or three times a year we have a short series of Gospel meetings in Fuchu, when a special speaker is invited to preach the Word for a few nights. Preparation consists of door-to-door distribution of some five thousand specially printed pamphlets. Just before we left Japan such a series took place and the brother invited had an interesting background. When we were engaged in the commencement of the work in Yokohama, a group of young men and women began attending the Gospel meetings. They were from the Okinawan archipelago that lies to the south, halfway between Tokyo and Hong Kong. One of the young men had shoulder-length hair and carried a guitar. In due course four of them professed faith in Christ and have gone on well in the things of God. With an exercise about reaching folks in their home islands, they returned to Okinawa to begin Gospel work. The evidences of true salvation were soon seen and their efforts in the Gospel produced much fruit. Today about thirty-five are in assembly fellowship and the young man mentioned above (no longer so young) was commended to the work of God as a useful servant in the work of the Lord. He was our speaker this occasion and it was our joy to sit under his ministry.

While I am no longer directly engaged in translation or editing in the publishing work, I am still very much part of the overall picture. I am responsible for the financial well-being of the work and continue in the written ministry. My fifth exposition (Ecclesiastes & Song of Solomon) has recently been printed in English and Japanese. The other four books, are Angels; Romans; 1st Corinthians and Revelation. The stairwell between the third and fourth floors of the assembly building is packed with books and we hope the fire safety examiners will stay away for another month. We have bought a small piece of property (1,300 sq. ft.) and ordered a small 900 sq. ft. pre-fabricated storeroom which should be in use by the end of the month. We have also cut down the number of books printed on each occasion but storage space and the ability to produce what is needed still present challenges.

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I have had four successful surgical interventions on my one remaining eye, including a cataract removal by laser. We do praise the Lord that my vision has been preserved. I am continuing with a course of exercises practiced by pilots to retain their vision. We will value your continued prayers.

Recently our granddaughter, Ashley, obeyed the Lord in baptism. Eight young people from her high school came to witness this. Two young men, also from Jaco Beach, have professed faith in Christ and requested baptism.

We had the privilege of speaking at the year-end closing of our Sunday School on the theme, “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” About one-hundred-and-twenty persons attended, including fifteen children and their mothers from a new work in Rodeo, about a half-hour distance from Ciudad Colon. Prayer will be valued.

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Warmest regards from the border between Mexico and Arizona. Christmas was quite busy as we had company here (three different families) from early December until the beginning of January. Add to that a couple of trips to San Diego, the Seed Sowers
Dan & Joan Harvey and family

in Phoenix, conference in Puerto Vallarta and the regular schedule of meetings in the new work in San Luis Rio Colorado (SLRC) and you get the picture.

We cannot forget the kindness and goodness of God in 2011. We never would have dreamt that we’d be living here on the northern border of Mexico and have the children in U.S. schools but that is indeed the case. That’s the way it is with God. He fixes our problems before we even know they exist!

The past year has produced many contacts here in Yuma, beside all that has been done in SLRC, Mexico. We have been overwhelmed by the amount of people, neighbours included, that have family, friends and contacts just across the border in Mexico. This area is very fluid, with tremendous amounts of movement back and forth so we look to the Lord to see how He will open the door in even more gospel work over the coming years.

Several of the new believers here are doing excellent and others are not. Jorge, the dear man in whom I have invested much time and much of every resource you can think of, carried on so well for so long and then disappeared the second week of October. His personal battles were painful to watch and, as much as we tried to help and counsel, we realize that decisions are, by nature, very personal. Spiritual principles hold true for believer and unbeliever alike -- we reap what we sow. Jorge’s harvest arrived, having left off his habit of daily reading and communion with God and adopting a more lackadaisical approach to attending the meetings and spending time with other believers. His lack of self-control, and his refusal to say, “No” to the flesh, all contributed to his current state. The little business I helped him start (to support him and his four children) is gone. His wife is gone again. His children are gone and Jorge is back into the very sin from which he claimed to have been saved. We don’t give up on him but the lessons he is learning are hard and the way of a transgressor is hard for unbeliever and believer alike. For a believer, the road gets even harder.

I have been able to contact his children and they are out to Sunday School but he is still eluding me and seemingly sinking deeper into sin and old habits. He is living with another woman now so please continue to pray for him -- for restoration if he is truly born again and salvation if he is not. We are not privy to the Book of Life so take them on the ground they profess, together with the fruit they produce. I hope he is truly saved but the second class of soil in Mark 4 does come frequently to mind. May God give us wisdom and discernment. We sometimes think of all that Abraham invested in Lot, without Lot ever really having benefited from it as he could have, and yet God is faithful, such that the real benefit was seen in Abraham who undoubtedly grew from the experience and had such personal dealings with God in the process. We can identify with that greatly.

Amidst reasons for discouragement, there are reasons to rejoice. We bless God for the growth and
faithfulness of many others. Agustín is seemingly doing well and we trust that will continue. His brother Oscar, retired, was saved in March after twenty years with the Mormons and four with a charismatic group. He has also grown and acknowledged his desire to be with the saints in the little hall we rent. He has his ups and downs but is more consistent as time goes on. We are very thankful for Jesús and his brother Ángel, together with their two sisters. They get out to almost every meeting and Jesús is showing real interest in reading and studying his bible.

In November we baptized a young teenager (16), named Maria. She was saved in June and since that time her younger sister, Kenia, and brother, Sergio, have professed to be saved (October 10th & 28th). While only thirteen and twelve years of age, they speak with clarity of their faith in Christ and dependence on His substitutionary death on their behalf. I can’t say it was what we expected but it does seem that God has worked among these young people, even while some older ones have slowly drifted away. Fernando and Ana show solid commitment to the work and have indeed become good friends, for which we thank the Lord. Fernando was saved twenty years ago in Oregon, as a seasonal worker, but away from God for the last fifteen or so. We see them often and sometimes get together with them as a couple. They show a genuine interest in the other believers and a keen desire to be of whatever help they can in the work. Fernando has shown much initiative in simple things like cleaning the hall, and has helped to organize the packing of Seedsowers. Lately, I have had him help even publicly and it is proving to be a blessing.

We distributed about two-thousand texts and invitations in a new area of the city, about five weeks ago, and followed it up with meetings. Lord willing, we will continue with that effort and I have planned to rent a few locations over the coming year where we will hold special one-week series of meetings (or possibly longer). The plan is to put up good signage beforehand and see what kind of response we get in each area. New contacts can be brought to the regular hall location or we could decide to continue with gospel outreach in any given area.

We are in constant need of wisdom as the work grows day by day. While some of the believers ask about the formation of a local assembly, we leave that with God and continue to pray for wisdom and guidance. We would like to see consistency in some of them, a sense of unity between them, and an appreciation of the truth of gathering to the Name of the Lord Jesus alone. We do thank our God for the growth that has been evidenced and those that are being saved. We were thrilled with the professed salvation of Bianca (24), a few weeks ago.

Our children are doing well in school and we are all keeping well, for the most part. We have had a few medical issues within the family but leave that all with God and trust Him to sort it all out in time.

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The sentiment expressed in Psalm 65:11 seems so appropriate with which to end the year 2011. Should the Lord tarry, as we enter 2012, it will be the same; “Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and

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thy paths drop fatness (abundance).” We both praise God for His preserving care in the many and varied activities in which we were involved. We are grateful to be enabled to continue serving the Lord.

One of the memorable activities took place in Valdivia, about ten hours by car south of Santiago. At the beginning of November, we took part in a four-day conference which had various focus areas. One was to encourage young people who are active in the work of gospel outreach, in preaching and children’s work. On Sunday afternoon the young people went out with invitations for the gospel series that started that evening. Some were thrilled to see people attend whom they had invited. On the third day, Christians from four other assemblies in the region were in attendance. The four unhurried days gave time for individual conversations and counsel as well as general teaching. Along with brother Camilo Vasquez, we continued the remainder of the week preaching the gospel with good attendance and unsaved in each evening.

While in Punta Arenas last Easter, a young brother from Comodoro Rivadavia was present. This city is on the Atlantic in the Patagonia area of Argentina and he asked if we could be with them for their 12th anniversary as the assembly celebrated with nightly ministry meeting. Due in part to their isolation, they receive little teaching and we trust the teaching given was a help and encouragement.

On the first weekend of December we visited Gualleco, a country assembly with about twenty-five in fellowship. Not only was there time for ministry but also for the Sunday School program. The hall was full and the Christians encouraged by seeing many unsaved parents in attendance. They maintain a Sunday School in Batuco, a little town close by and children from there were also brought in. The Christians were quite encouraged and we thank God for faithful believers in their dedication to making Christ known in small towns.

The Sunday Schools in Santa María and San Felipe had their end of the year programs one week apart and used the same props to present the story of Noah and the Ark. It was well prepared by some of the young couples and went very well, with all the children participating. Over thirty unsaved parents and relatives were out. It was a pleasure to see a brother who returned to the fellowship recently so happy to be back and involved. The young brother who did the narration had been recently baptized and received. For his baptism he made two trips to the country in his car to bring family and relatives in for the occasion. Eighteen of them were present at the baptism and some have continued attending.

We continue to ask for prayer for our labours and others, in this needy continent. We are encouraged by many who want to walk in scriptural paths and seek to minister and preach the gospel to this end. In January the school summer holidays begin. We are praying about the usual outreach to children and young people to take advantage of their greater freedom from studies. Many of the students in their mid teens and older must take summer jobs in fruit packing or the fields. This hampers their spiritual life and meeting attendance, so we pray for their protection and safety.

Recently the text of the book The Christian Assembly by J. R. Littleproud was readied for printing. It is being carefully checked over to avoid errors. We are thankful for those who have shared in our labours and we send our greetings with a desire that God’s richest blessing be upon each one for the New Year. “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” Psalm 103:2.

Visit to SOUTHERN IRELAND
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Recently we had a very profitable and encouraging visit to the South of Ireland and were able to visit Gort, Roscommon and Athleague. As on previous occasions, we were very well received by the dear Brazilian people in each of these towns. It seems that the greatest concentration of the Brazilians is in the town of Gort (half-an-hour’s drive south of Galway) where we spent most of our time going
around the housing schemes, from door-to-door with the tracts, Gospel CDs and calendars, all in the Portuguese language. Out of the thousands of items distributed, up to the present we have not had one refusal, and do praise the Lord for this. The people were so friendly and some, even on our first contact, invited us into their homes for coffee.

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Sadly the economic situation in the south has meant that some of the Brazilian people who found it difficult to get work, have returned to their homeland. Yet to our amazement and delight there is still a number coming to Ireland. Evidently this door is remaining open for the spread of the gospel for the foreseeable future.

Roscommon is some seventy miles N.E. of Gort and Athleague is located about fifteen miles west of Roscommon. In Athleague there is a huge abattoir called Kepak where almost a million animals are slaughtered each year. Some seventy Brazilian men work in the slaughterhouse and, as on other visits, they were happy to receive the gospels in their mother tongue.

We certainly would value the prayer fellowship of the dear saints that they would join with us before the Throne, that the ‘good seed’ of God’s Word will bear fruit to the eternal blessing of many dear Brazilian people and for the glory of our Lord Jesus.

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Perhaps you have heard that we have moved into the capital city of Managua due to the stage in life that we are entering into - School days! Matthew has enrolled in Nicaragua Christian Academy, and will soon be followed by his younger brother Micah. Elisa, our newest addition, is still a few years away!

With this move, and the huge need of the city, before the Lord, Brenda and I are inviting again a group of young men to assist us in the Managua Vision. We have seen how God has used the year away from home in the lives of the young men and we are really thankful for it. Obviously such a venture, hosting five to seven guys, involves a great personal sacrifice and, before the Lord, we are compelled to slowly take steps forward, confiding in the greatness of our God to protect our family emotionally, spiritually and really in every sphere.

Basically we are looking for young men who are pliable, yet have a measure of conviction. We are hoping to avoid the need to 'babysit'. The basic requirements are: saved, baptized, in assembly fellowship, good testimony, certain life skills, a measure of responsibility, etc.

September 2012 - Aug 2013 is the time frame. I value your prayer support. I hope to send out a formal invitation to several young men who have been recommended by overseers in North American assemblies, in the next couple of weeks.

Commendation to the Lord’s work:
Dr. Samuel & Mrs. Elizabeth Simonyi-Gindele

February 4, 2012
Greetings to our dear brothers and sisters,
The purpose of this letter is to advise you that Dr. Samuel & Mrs. Elizabeth Simonyi-Gindele, as full-time commended workers for the sake of the gospel, are resuming their service on the mission field.

They leave for Lisbon, Portugal, on Feb 29, 2012 where they will spend about one year in concentrated study of the Portuguese language before settling in Angola. Portuguese is the language of government and commerce in Angola. Samuel & Elizabeth and their five children (Zachary (12), Ethan (10), Jesse (7), Seth (6), and Abigail (3), go out with our full support and prayer for the Lord to keep them, provide for them and use them for His honour and glory as they labour in the gospel and in teaching.

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