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## Insight International Braille Outreach Worldwide

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you are like we are, this will be a year which we will remember for generations to come! While there are many negative things that 2020 has brought, there are also some positive developments as well. The most important thing we must remember is that God continues to stand with us and we know that he will continue to guide us. This fact has been proven after 50 years on the mission field. Our 50 year anniversary in missions begins later in 2021 and we hope to have vintage pictures and other details in later newsletters. For now, however, please continue reading for more details about this ministry.

### Ministry news

So far as we can tell at least 32 blind and vision impaired people have obeyed the Gospel in 2020. Many of these souls are in a part of India which God has allowed us to touch. We continue to try to get a solar audio Bible to each one of these new Christians in their own language. The coronavirus has caused many problems in Bible distribution, and postal costs have increased quite a bit. Little by little, God is allowing us to provide the scriptures for these new souls. They need your prayers, as many of them go through daily trials of poverty and often of persecution for their faith in Christ.

### Travel

Since March, Ann and I had not been outside Lafayette Parish here in Louisiana. In November, we loaded the car with bleach and ultraviolet sanitation wand, masks and other items. Along with our 2 dogs, Tippy and Kilo, we headed for San Angelo, Texas. I spoke to members of the 9<sup>th</sup> and Main congregation, demonstrating our Bibles and presenting a lesson on getting along with others in our world by teaching and applying the Gospel message. This church is certainly trying to spread the Gospel and their work includes missionaries in Africa, Asia, a radio ministry and support for us as well. We could not have been better received! One of the pictures in this newsletter shows us with Brother Mike Bonner, one of the 4 elders of the congregation, Royce Williamson, who works with the radio station, and a gentleman, Eric, who has partial vision. I am sorry that we did not get pictures of all the elders, but by the time I finished talking to all the people, some of the elders were no longer there. These wonderful Christians have supported us since December 1971. Only a few congregations of the body of Christ hold this distinction. I hope to tell you of a few other churches who have helped us, but these details will have to be in a future newsletter. We are grateful to God for the faithful support this church has given. I apologize if I got any names wrong.

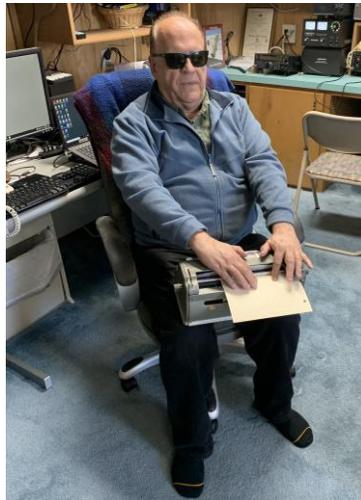
We also visited with Patty Albritton, the cousin I grew up with in Houston. She now lives in Crockett, Texas. Patty enjoys studying the scriptures and she has asked for more audio sermons as well. After spending time in San Angelo, we continued on to Odessa, Texas where we visited Ann's cousin, Wilma Grant. Travel is very different than in past years. Ann personally used bleach to clean all the surfaces in hotel rooms, while I went over beds and sofas with the ultraviolet wand which sterilizes them. Of course we had masks and some of the time we ate in our hotel room. There were many other restrictions due to the coronavirus. I am just sorry I did not get more pictures, as they mean so much to those who can see. Please remember all these people in your petitions to God.

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Glynn & Ann with San Angelo church members



Glynn with Perkins Braille



Glynn transferring old tapes to memory sticks

## Bible production and distribution

One of the challenges that this year's virus has brought is the production and distribution of audio Bibles. While we can still get the scriptures in Braille, large print, on CD and solar power, for the time being we can no longer purchase the Courier electronic Bibles which are very popular in English speaking countries. Some of their parts come from China and the technology is also being upgraded. I am working with the Bible committee to try and help remedy this problem. Thankfully, the customs office has reopened in Mombasa, Kenya. Joseph Mukewa has received over 20 cartons of Braille Bibles which he has been able to distribute to some schools and to a group of other blind people.

## Technology

Since I cannot travel and teach as usual, we have begun home Bible studies with 2 people in our area. More about this as the situation develops. I am also trying to keep up with technology by transferring family recordings from reel to reel and cassette to a digital format. (See photos.) Another useful form of technology is a Braille printer. In years gone by, anyone who wanted to transcribe books into Braille went through a long, tedious process of learning Braille, taking many exams and certifying through the Library of Congress or the Royal National Institute for the blind in the UK. Now anything typed in Word or other word processing programs can be automatically translated into Braille and printed with only a few key strokes. This is an amazing process!

## Financial News

We still experience a shortfall of around \$700 monthly, but in this difficult time we are thankful that this ministry can continue. You help to make it possible. Checks can be made to Insight International and sent to P.O. Box 730, Carencro, Louisiana 70520. We also accept donations via PayPal using our email address [insightbow@aol.com](mailto:insightbow@aol.com). This ministry is graciously overseen by the Riverside Church of Christ of Lafayette, Louisiana. Monthly and one time contributions are thankfully received.

Ann and I wish each one of you a safe and enjoyable Christmas season. We pray that God will protect, guide and strengthen each one of you through these most challenging times.

Yours in Christ with thanks,

Glynn and Ann Langston