

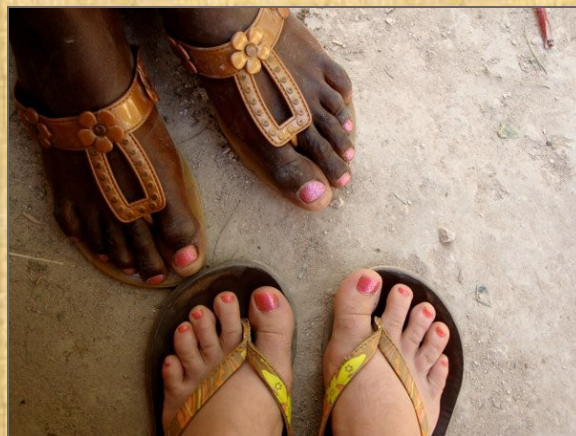
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HOW CAN THEY PREACH UNLESS THEY ARE SENT?  
AS IT IS WRITTEN, "BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF  
THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS!"

ROMANS 10:15



## **E – prayer**

## **Joe and Laurie Darrow**

January 2012

### **Praise**

There were so many great things that happened this Christmas that I can't even touch on. People were fed Christmas meals, Children were blessed with warm clothes, bibles and toys, parents were given cards, clothing, bedding and bibles. Wow thank you to all of our supporting churches. This is a real look at the whole church coming together to help those in need.

Laurie and I had a special Christmas present. We believe it was from your prayers. Before our Christmas Eve service I went out with the boys to do some visiting. Laurie was home getting a few things ready for after the service. The large Pit Bull in the semi abandoned house next door got out and sat on the front step which is connected to our front step. A friend saw the dog there and called Laurie to warn about the dog. She called me and I called the police. The police came and took the dog. (Merry Christmas Joe and Laurie) There is currently drug dealing and making of drugs next door so keep praying so we can get this house sealed by L&I.

### **Prayer**

Our staff will be getting together in January to review the year and to focus on values and goals. Pray for us as we get together.

Pray for us as we have the goal of connecting our people with God and each other.

Some of our people are struggling with depression. Pray for them.

Pray for Jonerik and Emily as they start this year with Jonerik's sister's children. After Limaris passed Jonerik and Emily are their new parents. Pray for them as they work out the relationships, details and legal issues

Pray for us as we get back to school after a very busy Christmas season.



## *The Joy of the Lord in ministry!!*

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*Greetings prayer partners,*

*Christmas ended in Karuizawa with us meeting our goal of distributing the 18,000 tracts that we had ordered! Our theme for the distribution venue was as always Santa and his Elf helpers. Upper left is what we looked like and my natural long, white beard attracted attention wherever we went and had total strangers coming over in stores to strike up a conversation even when not in costume.*

*Next you see one of our indispensable Elf helpers, Nari from Korea. She arrived with a family from Australia and a couple from South Africa, all of whom, along with a team from Singapore and a German family from Yokohama, were a direct answer to a plea to God when we were just a few weeks away from Christmas virtually 'helpless'.*

*After accepting the facts, re-discovered from a re-visit to the story of Gideon, God then revealed His plan in sending people to help us and what a crew it grew to be. Most of us had never met before but in a matter of three weeks had the tracts packed with a piece of candy in a self-sealing envelope and on the street and in restaurants into waiting hands.*

*In the last photo you see a worn-out team of Santa and Elf helpers of all ages resting on the empty boxes where tracts had been but now happily ensconced some place else in Japan. 2010, according to the tourist bureau, had some 7.5 million people visit our area so we have reached only about a quarter of one percent through our efforts!*

*We have bigger plans for the next season and will be ordering 30,000 tracts since we now have a firm promise of more help from those who came and want to return with even more friends to join our effort. In the last two years we had faced two very different problems. Last year we had nobody stay after the 22nd of December and couldn't field our Santa and Elf teams. This last December we had people who could stay but still couldn't field the teams because we had **run out of tracts!***

*Please start praying about your part in next year's Christmas program, either as a volunteer to come and help or in helping to purchase the tracts we need. Cost for the tracts alone will run just over \$6,000.00. And of course let's all pray that the seeds that were planted through the tracts will grow into a rich harvest of souls who will come to believe in Jesus as Savior!*

*Best wishes for the coming New Year with our hopes resting firmly in the shadow of the cross, Tom & Nancy Edwards - Japan*

*The Evangelical Alliance Mission, PO Box 969, Wheaton, IL 60187*

# *A Missionary's Word of Thanks...*

Dear Friends at Hilltown Baptist,

Cindi and I would like to express our heart-felt “Thanks” for the Christmas gift that you gave us. We appreciate the support that Hilltown has given us for many years while we have lived in France, then Switzerland, then Zaire (DRC), then Kenya and now in Orlando. You have been faithful through finances and prayers for our ministry and we are indeed grateful.

We had a very special holiday season with Cindi’s folks joining us from Michigan and Cindi’s sister and family joining us from North Carolina. This was the first time we had all been together for Christmas since the year 2000. Of course we always love when the girls are able to be here from grad school and college. Kelsie’s boyfriend Ben was also with us and Kelsie and Ben were engaged on Christmas day! So we were able to celebrate their engagement together. They are planning a June wedding here in Orlando.

Kristy is still with us for a few more days until she returns to Columbia International University on Friday. She has one semester left in her senior year and will graduate in May. Andrew is gearing up for his summer missions trip to Tanzania and he is excited to be returning “home” to east Africa. Alec is having a good school year as well. It is always busy in the Hampshire home.

Thank you again for the part that you play in bringing God’s Word to the Bible-less people of the world. We regularly hear stories of lives being transformed by the hearing and reading of God’s Word for the first time in one’s heart language – and that encourages us in our work.

Blessings,

Jon and Cindi Hampshire

## *Italian Battalion Update January 2012*

January 9, 2012

Dear Praying Friends,

Imagine being arrested, being held in chains between two guards and having multiple sets of doors (also being guarded) on the prison, the last door being made of iron.

**Imagine all of this standing between you and freedom.**

No, we haven't been arrested!

The biblical account of Peter awaiting execution in Acts 12 has been the topic of our bi-weekly church prayer meeting here in Umbertide. Dr. Luke was very precise in his description of the situation: Herod spared nothing to ensure that Peter would not get away. But **no amount of guards or doors could keep Peter "in" when God wanted him "out"**. Peter really couldn't and didn't do anything, it was the Lord Himself who at the last moment, delivered Peter. Light penetrated the deep darkness of the prison cell, secure chains couldn't remain attached to Peter--he had to be free. The Lord gave careful and good instruction to Peter through the Angel as all the doors were opened--not one remained closed, especially the last one made out of iron. Divine protection and guidance accompanied Peter where there was danger until he reached the place where he could finish his course to freedom.

It is important to remember that all of this was in answer to the prayers of the church!

**God is at work in amazing ways here in Umbertide and when you pray, you are part of His work, just as the early Christians were part of Peter's divine "jail break"**.

We asked you to pray for **Francisco to accept George's offer to do a Bible study--** and today we had our **first study as couples**. A wonderful breakthrough! He is anxious to continue and said "we need to do this every week". Francisco has an open heart to God and His word; pray with us for his response to God's word!

Another prayer request we shared a year ago was **our need for a vehicle to replace ours which is now 11+ years old** and showing the wear and tear of driving all over Italy and Europe. The answer to this prayer request came in the form of the faithfulness of an elderly believer who went to be with the Lord last month. **In a way that is just as miraculous and divine as Peter's jail break, God sent a large sum of money to one of our supporting churches** who voted unanimously to be the channel through which God is doing yet another miracle--providing a vehicle for our family and ministry.

God likes to do things when we have realized that there is no human way that a solution can be found. **When it is clear that the situation is beyond our ability, He provides**

**and there is no doubt that the answer has come from His hand.** He gets the glory-  
-and we learn more about Him as the One who faithfully provides. We pray you are as  
encouraged as we are in these answers God has recently sent into our lives.

We'd like to leave you with some prayer fuel, **another "closed prison door"** for which  
we are trusting the Lord to make provision. **Our monthly support has experienced  
some drops** because of churches reducing their giving due to the financial crunch. We  
know that the Lord can provide for this need. As we see from Acts 12 and from the  
things He is doing here in Umbertide, the Lord is fully able. **This summer we will be in  
the USA for three months of home service** and we are asking the Lord to provide  
opportunities to share with new churches about His work in Umbertide. Thanks for  
praying with us about this need; **let's see how God works to bring about another  
miraculous liberation.**

warmly, George and Kim

# Musselman

January 13, 2012

Martha and I have just recently returned from 2.5 weeks on the ground in Uganda, East Africa. We went to visit our daughter Melanie (26), a resident nurse in Uganda, who is there on a 3 year term with AIM (Africa Inland Mission). Along with our son Caleb (21), on his Christmas and New Year's break between semesters, we had the opportunity anticipated for well over a year. Melanie hosted us for the entire time, based from her 3 BR apartment in the capital city Kampala (3 million population). She had a wide variety of plans for us. First it was walking the streets and greeting people she knows as neighbors, trusting our lives to boda boda drivers as we took rides on small motorcycle taxis on hectic city streets. The sights and sounds and smells were a sensory overload the first day or two! We went on a game drive in Murchison Falls National Park, and saw a scorecard full of African wild animals and birds on the banks of the Nile River. Yes, the river boat was even named the African Queen!

Later we visited staff members at the Mengo Hospital and a maternity worker-friend with her own newborn baby, one-day old. This is where Melanie had her nursing internship for licensing in Uganda a year ago. We spent the Christmas weekend (3 days/3 nights) staying with a Ugandan family in a village (300 pop.) in the Ntungamo Province near Rwanda. What an interesting worship experience on Christmas Day in the village church (about 250)! Another time we were taken on an AIM boat out onto Lake Victoria, crossing the Equator, for an overnight visit on one of the Ssesse Islands. The Ugandan couple we stayed with, Francis and Alice, used a smaller boat to take us to visit two fishing camps on another part of the same large island, where we met to encourage three men who are serving as pastors. Melanie and her co-worker make this trip on a weekly basis, with several overnights, to minister with Francis and Alice in these villages. We saw two of the approximately 15 fishing camps (100-1000 pop.) on different islands where they serve in community health ministry to people over a cycle of a couple months throughout the year. By the way, I think many of the young men I know on camp staffs here in America would love this kind of ministry; wilderness base camp living on the shores of a tropical island? Wow!

That is just a brief touch on so many widely varied experiences, while meeting a dozen or more people just about every day we were there. Melanie has been simply amazing at the way she communicates fluently in her acquired Luganda language, with all types of people (poor to professional, university students, and others who'll be fortunate to get any education at all). God has gifted her in reaching out to people, and she's worked diligently at learning and using their language. By doing so, she is developing so many relationships (too numerous to count) for demonstrating Christ, as a believer and a musawo (nurse). Many people told us, "She is Muganda (one of us)". Please pray for Melanie, as she wants people to see Jesus through her, an imperfect person who needs Him as much as anyone to whom she ministers.

Our experiences have no doubt been life changing, as we've gained a new perspective on God's people and cultures in a developing African country. We are praying that we'll see God using this in our lives as we walk forward into 2012.

Thanks for your interest and prayers for our family. As you remember us, please remember to include our son Josh (29) and his family. He has recently been deployed for a year in Afghanistan with his US

**Army battalion. This is a first time experience for Josh of being separated from his wife and three children as they remain on post near Savannah, GA. So when you pray for us, remember them as well, because they are on our hearts.**

**Thanks so much,**

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# The Pregizer Pipeline

## A Glimpse Back...



This is how we looked in August 1986 after driving 11 days toward our new home in Glennallen, Alaska. We were road-weary but at the same time.....excited that in only two days we would finally arrive at our destination! We were full of hope and joy and anxious to start serving with SEND. Many of you reading this can remember when we left PA and began this missionary journey. We depended on *your* faithful prayers and financial support to sustain and encourage our hearts then and when the newness of missionary service became a long walk of obedience and faithfulness ...25 years later!

### Where are we today?

We've been communicating with you over the past few months that we are now on home service (furlough) in PA and have enjoyed catching up with many dear friends and supporters. We look forward to more good times this month! Our main focus now is to raise a substantial amount of support that we need in order for SEND to give us the green light to return to our home and ministry in Whitehorse. We have been encouraged by several new supporters in addition to some current supporters increasing their monthly pledges!

That said, we still need about \$1,900 per month in additional pledges as some of our supporters have been unable to continue due to these difficult economic times.

We want to mention that although our financial need is large, we know **our greatest need is for your prayers**. We understand that not everyone can give financially but we know that all can pray.

### Why is our support need so high?

The short answer to this question is: **Housing and cost of living**. Without going into a lengthy explanation, our housing allowance has jumped from \$600 to \$1,350 per month. Now that we have experienced of the cost of living in Canada for about

nine months, we can attest to the fact that just about everything is more expensive in Yukon than it was in Glennallen! Therefore, SEND has increased our salary accordingly.

### What happens if we don't get all of our support?

This question rolls around in our minds for brief moments. However, we won't allow ourselves to dwell on it because we believe that God wants us back in Whitehorse and we are proceeding with that goal in view. Receiving full support has always been an affirmation of God's will and our expectations have not changed. If it is God's will for us to return, He will provide.

### How to get involved:

There are two ways: Become a prayer partner and/or financial partner. We are enclosing a partner sheet that will give you more information and directions for both options.

### When will we return to Whitehorse?

We'd like to be back by the end of February. It's urgent that we return by spring so that we'll have enough time to organize and prepare for the summer program. We have already accepted four Bible school students from Germany and have one Canadian and one American in the application process. In addition, we need to be back in the Yukon in order to assist and supervise a new SEND missionary family from Europe that will be arriving in the Yukon in a few months.

As we close this letter, we certainly look different than we did in that picture above! But we are still full of hope and joy and anxious to continue serving with SEND in the Yukon, and we continue to need your faithful prayers and financial support!

Serving a great God,

Ken & Karen Pregizer

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*We enjoyed receiving all of your Christmas cards, notes, pictures and gifts. Thank you for encouraging us during this precious time of year!*