



4th Quarter 2024 Newsletter

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This month we all said goodbye to the Harvest warehouse and offices which have been the home base of Harvest for more than 35 years. With Danny retired, the costs of sending sea containers skyrocketing and all Harvest staff working remotely, we found that it was no longer necessary for Harvest to own such a large building. Thank the Lord, the building sold very quickly and without problems, so now we are able to reduce the overhead that Harvest had significantly.

As such, we are now reducing our missionary fees to 5%! This means that every donation that comes into Harvest will have only 5% deducted for administrative fees and 95% will go directly to missionary support.

Thank you for your support and prayers for Harvest and our missionaries this year. For us, we encountered numerous roadblocks as we took steps towards beginning a new project in the Dominican Republic, so after much prayer, we withdrew from the plan to purchase land in the D.R. and again we are waiting on the Lord and seeking His direction for further ministry for Harvest.



Danny saying goodbye to the warehouse

Physically & Spiritually Touching Lives

Behold, I say unto you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, for they are white for harvest! ~ John 4:35

Scot, Selena & Olie Brown

Serving the Lord in Hungary



Sending our love and best wishes to you all as you come together and celebrate cherished gifts we hold dear. Fall gave way to wintery cold weather along with snow a few weeks ago. Now 4:00 PM is the time street lights and office buildings lights are shining bright assisting the sun who we understand is on vacation in the southern hemisphere.

Our relationships here in Budapest are flourishing as are many friendships established over the years now living around the globe. We are encouraged seeing new people coming growing in Christ grace daily and putting into practice their gifts. Our hearts and intentions have always been to make disciples who seek Christ and pursue His path resulting in fruit that remains.

So far this year in addition to our ongoing service we have been caring for many people who have experienced or are experiencing what to us is unimaginable hardships. Just today a dear pastor, internationally recognized Urdu translator from Pakistan called for prayers due to harsh escalation in persecution. They are unable to travel to minister to people who are struggling. The minister asked for Gods strength to be given knowing his family security is in the lords hands. A very special friend and international students whose country was lost, Artsakh after years of conflict has had to take the semester off from her PHD due to immune system issues. So because of Christ love in us we bind up the broken hearted people and confront the enemy setting the captives free to walk in His Grace.

We have had Michelle Clarkson visiting this week from Ocala, she lived with us for over a year after graduation from UF. We've enjoyed her so much, Yesterday morning Selena and I took her up on castle hill for sunrise photo shoot. I'm adding a few pictures of sunrise over Budapest as eye candy. We will have our Thanksgiving feast for around thirty this Saturday. There will be over a dozen country's represented along with atheists, Muslim, ex Christian and timid disciples bringing guests.



Randy & Debbie Bullock

Serving the Lord in Romania



Greetings from Romania. It is very cold here, and the days are short on daylight and long on night.

We had a meeting with the school teachers about the Gypsy children. They are having trouble with school projects and homework, so we are trying some different ways of working with the children. They do not know how to work together or have little creativity, so we now have them work in small groups. We give them different tasks to encourage them to think together and come up with different ideas. As Americans, it can be difficult for us to understand, but that is not part of their culture. Most of their life is based on survival and providing for their daily needs.

We are getting ready to get started on a project to put up a new fence around the school. We have had a problem with people trying to break in and destroy the buildings and property. We also plan to install some cameras around the buildings.

Praise the Lord, the tubs have arrived with Christmas gifts for the kids! We worried that they might not get there in time due to freight issues.

Please Pray for Adelina and Manu as they are expecting their first child to be born around the end of December or first part of the January. Continue to pray for the teachers at the center as they work with the gypsy children in Dumbrava. We want to thank everyone for all your prayers and support for Romania.

For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ~ Isaiah 9:6



Lloyd & Elaine Cook

Serving the Lord in Jamaica



The Light has Come

Jamaica is all agog about Christmas: but most are only interested in buying and receiving gifts. On Friday night, the 13th. Elaine and I participated in a community Carol Singing service led by three different local denominations. Amidst the hustle and bustle of men at the bars, groceries, shopping, and waiting at the Taxi stand. We braved it and sang at the top of our voices the good old Christmas carols. We had no music backing us up, just the voices of three men and seven women from three denominations.

We sang, read the Word, and prayed for our men, for families, and our nation. Then Lloyd was called upon to do the closing exercises: a brief message and an invitation for whoever desired to invite Christ into their hearts at this time when our minds turn to what happened on the first Christmas. He talked about the lights at Christmas: the 'Light of God' coming to dispel the darkness of the northern parts of Israel, including "Galilee of the nations". (Isa. 9:1-7). God promised to send Israel a 'child' who would be the 'Son' of God. This gift of God during their time of darkness would be called "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace". When he came into the world, he spoke of himself as the 'Light of the World'. He also said that we who would believe in him would also be 'lights of the world'. God also sent a star that was followed by 'Wise Men from the East'. When they found him, they brought him gifts. Christmas time to many today is just a gift-giving time. We need to give Christ a gift today. "Wise men still seek him!" The gift that he desires of us is the gift of our lives, in response to his great love when he gave his life on the cross for us, that we might enter his heaven.

While no one came forward to Receive the Christ-child that night, we rejoiced in the opportunity to tell forth the message of God's love. We trust that the Spirit of God will work in hearts and his word will not 'return to him void'. Later that night at home the electricity went out. It stayed out for more than a full day. We were in the darkness, without being able to communicate by the various platforms we use today. We praise God that indeed 'The Light Has Come!' And our darkness is over.

May you rejoice in the 'Light' of God this Christmas: as we join with the angels and shout "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, to men of goodwill!"

God has been so good to us this year. As we continue to walk with our Saviour, may his blessings and overwhelming kindness continue to be your portion. Thanks for your prayers and support given to us this year as we continue to serve our Lord here in Jamaica!

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year when they arrive.

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Why are lights such an important part of Christmas? They seem to be a necessary part of celebrating Christmas – at home, in offices or other places of business and even in public squares. Many interrupt their schedules to stop and admire and comment on them and compare them to other displays. And this happens year after year. Have we ever wondered why this is so? What is the significance of these lights?

We believe the Bible helps us arrive at a conclusion. When Christ came onto Earth as a human being, the world was covered by darkness and gloom characterized largely by instability among the nations. They would sooner consult the ungodly than God. Against this background, Isaiah was called by God to be His prophet. He testified that the Lord's strong hand was upon him, warning him not to follow the way of the people by fearing what they feared. He was to fear the Lord only and He, the Lord, would be Isaiah's and Israel's and Judah's hiding place (Is. 8). Yet, again, the Lord warned him, saying, *"When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, should not a people inquire of their God?"* All of this pointed to the abysmal failure of the Lord's people to trust Him alone, especially during difficult times, rather than resort to the occult – a sure indication of the depths to which they had fallen.

Such was the darkness of that time, and it is against this backdrop that Isaiah received this word from the Lord: *"Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past, He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphthali, but in the future He will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan – The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned... For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders, and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."* (Is. 9:1,2,6).

We hear the harmonious voices of the choirs: *"And He shall reign forever and ever. Alleluia! Alleluia!!"* And we shiver, not because we have the "Christmas spirit" as some would suggest, but because this is the ultimate chorus of those who know the Lord, a song of victory of good over evil, of light over darkness, of grace over law. Our Lord said, *"I am the light of the world"*. The man born blind (John 9) not only received his sight when he believed, but when the Light came and he realized that it was the Lord Himself who had healed him, He worshipped our Savior. May we not forget to worship Him too. *"Rejoice, for the Light has come!"*

Darkness continues to saturate this world. Men invent new, 'improved' and more expensive ways of doing evil, using every means at their disposal to ensure that evil predominates. When will it end, we His children ask? It ends when the Lord Jesus says, "Enough is enough!" It is His timetable that matters; His will that prevails.

So, His children walk by faith and not by sight. We tolerate but do not promote or participate in the darkness, resisting its every attempt to enslave us. And we trust the Lord who uses even the pain, sorrow and, many negative things that we all often experience to accomplish His Divine purposes for us and often, beyond. This is our motivation; it is what fuels our zeal and encourages us to keep our eyes on Him. In the process, we learn to trust Him, day by day, moment by moment until He comes; and we appreciate His grace even more. We are very privileged to have come to know the Lord and we are learning to trust Him and to follow His leading both in our personal lives and in ministry.

Thank you, dear Friends, for being a part of the ministry in which we and others are engaged. This, too, is a great privilege. Know that we deeply appreciate your prayers, gifts, and words of encouragement. These are some aspects of the gift of your fellowship with us and, together, with the Lord. Despite the darkness, may the Light of His presence envelop you and yours this Christmas and always. Much love. Rejoice for the Light Has Come!

Faith Foundations International *with Ray B. Nelson* Serving the Lord in India



I'm planning on returning to India on January 3, 2025. Sharath is planning on taking me with him to a conference on January 11-13. After we return to Razole, our plans are to go to Nepal for one week and then to Nagaland India to minister the Word of God.

That is a lot of traveling in a short period of time, but praise the Lord his Word is being preached.



A message from Sharath.

Greetings in Jesus name. We are doing fine by God's Grace and through your precious prayers. We trust in the Lord that you are well. We are almost at the end of the Year. As we are getting near the festive season of Christmas, I am looking for the direction from the Lord how to celebrate this Joyous occasion with others.

Our people in our country very much fond of festivals. They celebrate number of festivals. Some festivals go for week long. During this time they celebrate with music, lighting and special food. I like celebrating Christmas in the public place inviting the people from all walks of life. We like to have a tent for the people to sit, nice lighting and Christmas music. We like to serve the Christmas dinner. I believe many people who never go to the Church will come to the party night.

Shiloh Children's Home
with Tom & Ginger Schmidt
Serving the Lord in Haiti



Continue to pray for Haiti. There are continue to be more challenges and more dangers. Our only hope is for Haiti and the world is Jesus Christ.

Nelson, Deuline, and the three children are safe and healthy. There are still daily challenges to getting what is needed to supply all the needs of the family, but being able to go to a local village outdoor market is a great blessing. Buying rice, tomato paste, beans, and live chicken sustains them. They also try to grow some vegetables in season.

To remind you, they live in a small village, 13 miles from any city or family members. There is a community hand-pumped well that we helped establish when we lived there and Nelson has a motorcycle that he uses in his church ministry and to use in medical emergencies.

Please continue to pray for Haiti and the Nelson family. May God bless you and keep you. Thank you for your prayers and support for Haiti.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again say, Rejoice. ~ Philippians 4:4



Austin & Kaelee Truelove

Serving the Lord in Haiti



Greetings in the name of God our Father and the Lord, Jesus Christ!

We are so grateful to be in the Advent of our Lord Jesus, and to Celebrate his first coming and the anticipation of his second coming. This has been a truly wonderful time of anticipation, and reflection for our family and we hope that your hearts are one with ours in this great celebration!

Unfortunately, our neighbors in Pecry have had a very difficult fall. Abundant rains fell to plant, but just as the harvest was ready to be gathered rain came again. Some people brought in their beans, hoping to have enough sunshine to dry them in their yards and others left the beans in the fields, hoping the fresh air would help dry the vines. All methods were futile; everyone's beans sprouted in the pods and are rotting. With over a month of straight rain, this weather is unprecedented. Many homes sustained damage from the prolonged damp conditions (traditional homes being built of mud and rock with a small amount of cement for plaster) and it's yet to be seen how the loss of the bean crop will affect our village and surrounding areas. Most people depend on the crop for daily food and a portion of it for re-planting, so with a complete loss for everyone in the area, it's sure to have pretty negative effects for the coming year.

In light of this, we have chosen a family for the next home-build in our village of Pecry. Their home's wall and foundation were slowly eroded over the month of heavy rain. The crew has been unable to start any preparations as of yet due to the road conditions and the rain. Please pray for God's mercy for his people in Pecry. Many are suffering the same situation. We would like to build two homes, but await the end of year's report to know how much we will have available.

Austin is planning his trip to our village in January. Please pray regarding his travel plans. The airports are still closed in some areas, but the North West is open. We hope he will not have to ride a motorcycle again, but if that is God's will, please pray for his safety.

Several serious prayer requests for friends of ours:

- Madam Orenus had something like a stroke and is left mostly paralyzed. Please pray for God's grace on her and her family.
- Wilgens (our main mechanic and long-time friend) having kidney and prostate problems. His family is dependent on his income. Please pray for grace, provision and appropriate medical assistance.

Thank you so much for your faithful and generous support of our work in Haiti. Your compassion is commendable and has enabled us to extend the love and grace of Christ to SO many families this year. Please pray for an awakening of the Church in Haiti, as only God's light come overcome the deepening darkness there. May Christ shine on you! He is our Hope!

Rod & Debbie Wray

Serving the Lord in Ocala, Florida



This Fall has been fun and busy, with us completely renovating our little modular home in Rolling Greens, Ocala. We are so happy with this little place and would love to have you come visit, if you would like to come to Florida.



We were in the Dominican Republic for about a week. After much prayer, spending time with the lawyers, and visiting the land, we decided to withdraw from buying the land and beginning the sports camp project.



The Harvest warehouse recently sold, so we had a lot of cleanup and preparation to do before it was transferred to the new owners. With all of us working remotely now, we have reduced Harvest's overhead and are able to reduce our administration fees to 5%, so that more funds can go directly to the missionaries.

We are so thankful for visits from our family this Fall. Our daughter Carly and her husband Eylar and their seven kids came. We also enjoyed the time with Katie and Tyson.



We met with Ray Nelson yesterday who is 73 years old and continues to serve the Lord in India. We helped Ray book his flights yesterday and we were humbled by his acceptance to spend 15 hours on a flight in order to get back to the mission field. We are thankful for each of the missionaries who serve with Harvest.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We pray that God will continue to direct us as we seek His will for the continued ministry of Harvest International.

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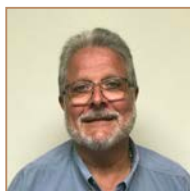
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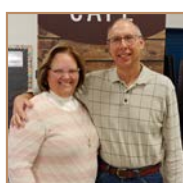


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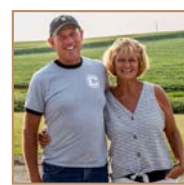
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