



Missionary Letters

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I could not respond quickly because I had problem with internet.

I have probleme with the car because roads are not good here in Romania especially in gypsy neighborhood. The car is *Renault Ispas* with 7 seats and engine is not good the same telescopes and injection pump.

Money to repair the car I don't have because only income i have is from you. A mechanic here told me all cost is 125 000 \$.

Please prey for as, is very difficult for my to get to church no car.

God bless you for evreting you do for my. My family sends greetings.

(If you do not understand what i wrote write my because I use the google dictionari)

waiting for your answer

Pastor Covaci Gavril

October 5, 2011

Pastor and Fellow Laborers,

You wouldn't believe how much those little tools around our house come in handy until you don't have them available and you have no friends around to borrow them from. You sure don't want to buy another one because you know that you already own a pair...they are just not available. A blade knife to open a cardboard box, a phillips screw driver to change a battery, a desk to put your paper work on...to sit at to study...you have all these things coming and don't want to spend the extra money but, boy, it would help if you could. Needless to say...our container hasn't arrived but we sure are hoping whatever is holding up the process would find it's way to our empty home.

The other day a lady came to our door to sell us her product. Once she finished her presentation and asked me what I did for a living the Lord opened the door so I could share our hope of eternal life. I eventually told her about our Church and invited her to come...and you wouldn't believe it...but I realized I couldn't tell her how to get to our Church meeting place. We had just moved into this area, I knew that it was a school building but didn't know how to give directions or its name. You talk about being embarrassed!!! Well she hasn't come yet but we are still hopeful although she heard about the Savior and how to get to Him.

Coming from the Southern part of New South Wales and moving North 12 hours to Queensland is quite a change from what we were used to. This area is very busy and people, people everywhere. Please pray that the Lord shows us how to get the doors open so we can share the gospel to this large population. The small group of people the Lord has given to us to grow together is a loving body of believers and we need to prepare them to reach out and evangelize their friends and neighbors. God has given us this privilege. Ask the Lord for wisdom and boldness...and a deep desire to see the lost come to Christ.

Thank you for giving us this opportunity once again to minister to the nation of Australia so much like the United States but so different. They are people that need the Lord. May the Lord continue to bless you and yours and our great country.

In Christ Service Together,

Ron & Vicki Letts
Australia

Ken and Amy Lowe

Portugal

October 2011 Email Update

Friends,

I want to bring a few ministries to your attention so you can pray specifically with us throughout the month.

1. English Clubs – Tonight (Friday) we will be having an English party. This is the kickoff of an English club our church will be having each Tuesday night until Christmas. Jeff and Megan Kliewer (mission interns working with our church this year) are heading up this ministry. We have received a number of phone calls from people interested in the club. The local mayor's office even asked if they could advertise it through their website.
2. Home Economics – Our local church plant (Ramada Baptist church) will be hosting a home economics course for the community. We are presenting this in conjunction with the local mayor's office. We are teaching some basic home economic principles and making new contacts with the community.
3. Graduation – Two men have finished their master's degree through our leadership training program. This next week I will be giving them their diplomas. This is a great achievement for our training program and an important step in the development of a church planting movement in Portugal.
4. Scholarship – The next course being presented by our leadership development program is Advanced Homiletics. This course is being taught by one of our national pastors. There is one student who is in need of a scholarship. The cost of the course is \$100.00. If you would be interested in helping out with this one-time scholarship please let me know.

Thank you so much for your interest in our ministry.

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In Christ,
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Autumn Moments with the Metkos September 2011

servicing with Cadence International

Truly, it is the first day of fall, and like many of you – the question – where did the summer go? We wonder where you spent your summer – hopefully all of you found places to relax and escape from the intense heat.

As you may recall from our last rushed letter in June, we were scheduled to begin summer at the Cadence Headquarters assisting in two weeks of candidacy and orientation in our new role as **personnel mentors**. But, with only a few days notice, we were asked to travel to Anchorage to provide assistance to Wes, Elaine, Dan and Nanny Linda. Thanks to all of you who prayed for us. Beryl was delayed in coming until July 7 due to her carpal tunnel surgery which is healing well.

ALASKA – JBER and MCHH – Little did we know what challenges would be faced while in Alaska, but in retrospect, the opportunity to give leadership to the **Mountain Chapel Hospitality House (MCHH)** was a blessed time which we believe has prepared us to be more effective in our new role. Meeting young airmen and soldiers with a passion to grow in Christ was so encouraging. Seeing their efforts to befriend new airmen and soldiers by inviting them to the MCHH and to its outings, etc. was a great reminder of how the Lord continues to use and bless these ministries. Weekly participation in chaplain staff meetings at **Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson (JBER)** was a reminder of the stresses facing the chaplains with their counseling loads, training and deployments. With the ongoing consolidation and joint operations, we learned of the additional stress this has brought to such joint base operations. **“Lord, thank you for using this unexpected detour to learn new lessons of dependence upon you. Thank you for all of our praying and supporting partners who continue to stand with us. Lord we give thanks for how You have orchestrated and provided others - the Russells, Scotts, Reynolds and now Dayton Nelson, and next spring, the Caudles, to keep this vital ministry vibrant and growing.”**

Finally, an unexpected joy was Dan's invitation to our grandson Caleb to join us. Caleb worked energetically, served well and played hard with the servicemen. Just prior to his return, he suffered a severely broken wrist in a dirt bike accident. We are thankful for his ongoing recovery.

PERSONNEL MENTORS - Upon our return from Alaska, we participated in our church's annual family camp on the Oregon Coast – a great time of relaxing, crabbing and fellowship. This was followed by our return to the office. We've been assigned as mentors for six couples who are at various stages of discovering their partnership team, and to one family, Bob and Stephanie Caudle who just returned from Korea and who are assigned to Alaska beginning next spring. Please pray for the Lord to grant wisdom and encouragement to those we are called to mentor and shepherd: **1) Tad and Cindy Aldrich - assigned to Vicenza, Italy; 2) Ryan and Erin Anderson – unassigned; 3) Larry and Brender Blakely at Langley AFB, VA; 4) Jeff and Jeannen Fields possibly Hawaii; 5) Michael and Jonna Payne assigned to Osan, Korea; 6) Jeff and Julie Shackleford assigned to Germany with Student Ministries.**

FAMILY- In the midst of a busy summer, we mention that Laurissa had a life changing ministry in Kazakhstan; John graduated from Multnomah; our grandsons, Landen and Jason traveled to Ohio with us to attend Paul's nephew's wedding and to spend a day at an amusement park; and, over Labor Day weekend the family contributed greatly toward repainting our house.



Nanny Linda and Beryl with Caleb



MCHH Outing to Byron Glacier



Childrens Ministry on Bible Study Night

Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support as we grow in our responsibilities and relationships to a great group of new missionaries (as mentioned above) Our time in A.K. this summer further equipped us with correct ideas for ministry to the military!

Yours for the sake of the Name 3Jn7,

Paul + Beryl Metko

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October 2011



Dear Friends at Grace,

We praise the Lord for good meetings recently in PA, OH and WV. We saw lots of old friends and met many new ones too. During that week, the Lord provided the money we needed to purchase the remainder of our tickets to return to Papua New Guinea. Lord willing we will depart from here on November 24th. The plan is to fly from Flint, MI to Los Angeles and then on to Sydney, Australia. While in Australia we want to visit friends in Sydney, Lakewood and the Gold Coast. From there, we will fly out of Brisbane to Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea. We'll stay there for six days to meet with church leaders about how and when we can help them. Pray for our travels and meetings. We want to be a blessing to those we see along the way.

The last ten days of this month, we plan on going to TN and SC. Then in November, we plan one more trip out to Troy, MO. Pray for safety and for our van to keep running well.

Praise the Lord that the Bible lesson books were finally cleared through customs and shipped up to Sobega, our highlands regional headquarters.



This weekend starts the mission conference at Perry Baptist Church. We will be involved in many aspects of that. I looked at the calendar and I get to speak first and last. Now a man doesn't get that opportunity often! We will also get a visit from our daughter Lydia and her children this weekend. Lydia has done a CNA (Certified Nurse's Assistant) course which should help her to find a good job. Our other daughter, Margie, has a full-time job here in Perry now.

This week, Home Depot is coming out to give us an estimate on what it would cost to replace our windows. The original windows are old and not insulated. With the drop in temperatures recently, we're really feeling the cold. We have a few other projects to complete around the house before we leave.

Thank you for your prayers.

In His love,

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Dear Prayer Warriors, Fall, 2011

It has been a hot summer over here, and in the States as well from the news we've received. But with one difference, due to a shortage of electricity from the March 11th earthquake and tsunami, everyone has been asked not to use any air conditioning, and to cut electrical usage as much as possible. That's pretty hot when the temperatures creep over 100 degrees F. We are grateful that temperatures are finally dropping.

In spite of this, we were happy to see one of Paul's friends from about 15 years ago start attending church at the beginning of August. About ten to twelve years ago he came two or three times, and now he is searching for the answer to real peace. He has already brought one of his buddies, for whom we are praying to come again. Pray for Tatsuya and his friend, and others of his acquaintances to come as a result of this renewed contact.

Tomo has remained faithful. He has recently commented on perhaps being interested in getting baptized. We are praying he makes this decision soon.

Mrs. Shigemi, in our English Bible class, is showing more interest in what the Bible has to say. Having read all of the "Left Behind" series, which helped her to understand modern day events, and many parts of the Bible, she has been amazed to see how what is happening in the world today fits with what the Bible teaches. We continue to pray for her salvation as she opens up more and more to us.

Mrs. Iwakuma, another woman from a different English Bible class, is also beginning to open up and ask more questions. She has been one who was very indifferent to spiritual matters, but is realizing that the Bible can answer modern-day problems, even though the writing is ancient. Pray for her eyes to be opened to the truths of the Scriptures, and a positive response on her part.

Mr. Okumura has had gall bladder surgery, and is recovering quickly.

Mr. Hasegawa has returned to our studies. Pray that we can be an effective witness to him and his family.

Some more families are returning to our area. It is said that the biggest danger of radiation currently exists in the dead fall leaves and grass. Everyone is carefully gathering these to be disposed of properly. After this season, or by next spring at the latest, we hope to be rid of the worst of the radiation on the ground, but that all depends on the government's time schedule to have the leak capped by the end of the year. The cement and stone areas seem to be relatively clear of radiation in our area, yet the ground and greenery measures a level of radiation that still exists. In areas within a 20 kilometer radius of the Fukushima nuclear power plants, the levels are between 20 and 30 microsevierts of cesium and other points of radiation, with some beyond 1,000 microsevierts. Our area thankfully only measures between 0.4 and one. But one neighboring town measures beyond 60, and another neighboring area measures beyond 1,200 in some areas.

Therefore, We do not know by living here how much radiation we are ingesting through the air, water, and food, and the short-long term effects to our health in the near future is unknown. Please pray for us as we minister here by faith.

Some have asked about repairs in our area. The floor of the room we use for outreach ministries is still in need of repair, as is the church roof. Please pray to make this possible. Our mission camp up north is also in need of heavy-duty repairs. The Baptist Mid-Missions home office has been involved in this project.

Various supplies and towels from our area have also been sent up North to help out in any way it is needed. Some of these are supplies you sent to us, and we thank you for them.

Currently the yen rate has dropped to 75 yen per one dollar. This means that we have lost 25% of our support. However, as it used to be 105 yen per dollar, we are actually losing more than 25% per month. How does this figure in reality. If we were to receive \$4,000, for example, then we would have \$3,000 in our hands and lose \$1,000 out of that. This should put things into perspective for you. This is, of course, due to the bad economy worldwide.

As for taking a furlough, there is still no possibility in sight, especially now due to the March 11 earthquake and tsunami.

Please continue praying for us. We thank you so very much for that.

In Christ's service,

David and Melody