

First Quarter Update

February 2024

2 Corinthians 1:11

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

Paul had been in a very dire situation in Asia, so much so that he said, in 2 Corinthians 1:8, that he and those with him "despaired of life". He tells the church in verse eleven that they helped him by their prayers. I have often wondered how many times, in my life as a missionary, I, or the lives of those in my family, have been spared because of the prayers of God's people. Many times, we have been troubled on every side, been perplexed, been persecuted, and have more than once felt cast down; yet, through the prayers of God's people, we have been able to continue for the Lord. We praise God for those who understand the power of prayer and are willing to give of themselves to go to God on our behalf. Please continue to pray for us, we need your prayers!

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We have been very busy traveling over the last few months. We praise the Lord for the mission's money that has been raised, the lives that have been changed, the protection He has given, and the friendships that have been made. It has been so encouraging to get to spend time with many around the nation whose hearts are on – fire to reach across borders with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faith Haven

Much progress has been made since renovations began for Faith Haven. Since our last update, God has blessed us with needed finances to complete the first apartment. It is our hope to be able to have this apartment

completed and ready to go by summer's end if not before. Once completed, we look forward to the Apartment A being a place of rest and restoration for servants of God.

Audio Bibles (Proclaimers)

Lord willing, within the next couple of months, our oldest son Grant will be delivering the fifty audio Bibles spoken of in our last update to Bro. Paul in the Congo. Bro. Paul will take the audio Bibles to Moyoni Baptist Church as well as to other villages deeper in the jungle. Please pray for the Word of the Lord to have free course and for safety, as well as boldness with wisdom, for the men of God that are carrying It.

New Audio Bibles:

Recently, my family and I were at Mission's conference. Near the end of the conference, a man walked over to our table, looked at the audio Bibles, and began to weep. I had not said one thing about the audio Bibles yet here was a man looking at them and weeping. He knew what they were and said God had spoken to him about getting involved. Before we left the conference, he had given the funds for nearly eighty more audio Bibles!! Praise the Lord!

Bibles for Congo

Along with the Audio Bibles, we have also been able to take thousands of tracts as well as John and Romans booklets to the Congo. As the need is so great for more to be sent, we have been praying that the Lord would provide not only a container with which to send thousands more but also the means to get the container into a landlocked and dangerous area of the country; it has been so amazing to watch how God has begun putting all the pieces together to allow this to happen. It is our prayer that by the end of 2024, we can send a container full of Bibles, New Testaments, John and Romans and Tracts to Congo.

If anyone would like to be involved in any way in this project please let us know. Some of the ways you can have a part would be to assemble John and Romans at your church, be a part of assembling them at another location, or donating towards the purchase of paper for these items or towards the cost of shipping and transporting the container.

Churches in Ghana

Please pray for the churches in Ghana. It is our desire to take a trip to Ghana later this year. Pastor Nicholas and Pastor Kwabena have remained faithful servants of the Lord through many trials and our desire is to encourage them and the churches as well as to take supplies to help them with evangelism and discipleship in the neighboring villages. Please pray for God's timing on a visit there.

Your fellow-laborers for Christ,

Michael Williams and Family













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