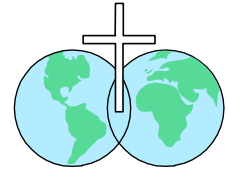




Ends of the Earth Courier for CHRIST
A Blessed New Year 2009



DEAR FRIENDS & PARTNERS IN CHRIST:

I greet you in the Name of JESUS CHRIST, the Word made flesh, filled with grace and truth for all who come to Him. Glory to GOD in the Highest and on earth peace to everyone on whom His favor-grace rests!

“There will be no more gloom for those who were in distress...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. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest.” (Isaiah 9:1-3)

Through JESUS birth, life, teaching, ministry, suffering, death, resurrection and coming return, He has turned gloom into joy, darkness into light, and death into life. There is much gloom and fear in our world today, the result of the darkness that comes from unbelief and sin, but the darkness and gloom cannot overcome the Light of CHRIST. Isaiah’s prophecy was and is being fulfilled. CHRIST’S Kingdom/nation continues to increase. It began with some shepherds in the fields near Bethlehem 2000 years ago and now has spread to people living in all of the ends of the earth. Wherever the message of CHRIST goes it sets people free and gives them an inner peace, joy, and hope that the world can never give. His invisible reign in the lives of His faithful people will soon be fulfilled in the coming of His visible Kingdom. In the meantime there is great rejoicing in Heaven and on earth over every person who repents of their sin, and places their faith and hope in CHRIST.

INDIA MISSION 2008

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Jan 1: Leave Kelowna (Al & Heidi)
Jan 3: Arrive in Chennai
Jan 4-6: Chennai- Gospel meetings
Jan 7: Train to Chirala- rest,preparation
Jan. 8-16: Ministry at St. Paul’s School, Teaching at the Pastors & Gospel Workers Training Seminar- Chirala, and Gospel meetings in villages,
Jan. 17-25: Gospel Meetings & Seminars Bapatla and Hyderabad area
Jan. 26: Chennai
Jan. 27: Return flight to Canada



The LORD willing, our daughter, Heidi and I will leave on January 1st for India, and return on the 27th. The details of the schedule are still being finalized but the basic plan is in place involving the Pastors and Gospel Workers Training Seminar, Gospel meetings, medical clinics and Bible distribution. Again this year we will be joined by five Bible School students from CLBI: Kaylyn Isaak- (Saskatoon, SK), Bethany Gaertner (Tisdale, SK), Andrea Labrecque (Camrose, AB), Trevor Loken (Edmonton, AB) and Andrew Odegard (Millet, AB). We will also be joined on this mission by two other young ladies: Danielle Larson, from Edmonton, and my niece Sarah Kobler, from Texas. They will be sharing Bible stories and songs with the students at St. Paul’s School, as well as sharing drama and music at the Gospel meetings. Please pray for the preparations for this upcoming mission to India.

Thank you to all of you for your prayers and support during this past year. May the joy and peace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST fill your heart and home this New Year.

“Now to Him who by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT at work within us, is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in CHRIST JESUS, to all generations, forever and ever! Amen!” (Eph 3:20,21).

***In the Love & Service of our LORD and SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST,
Pastor Al***

Calling of Dr. Harald Schoubye

As I shared in our last newsletter, because of the increase in ministry opportunities in our lost and needy world, we have been praying, calling out to GOD to raise up someone to assist with the increasing work. In conjunction with Living Word Lutheran congregation, Vernon, B.C. we have recently extended a call to Dr. Harald Schoubye to partner with us in ministry in the congregation, community and to the ends of the earth. Dr. Schoubye would serve on a 2/3 time basis with Living Word Congregation and 1/3 time with EECC. My responsibilities will also be altered to 1/3 time with Living Word congregation, 1/3 with EECC, and 1/3 with AFLC Canada.

I have known Dr. Schoubye for about 20 years. He was serving a congregation in Melfort, Sk when I was serving in Frontier, back in the late 1980's. He was born in Berlin (speaks a much better German than I do), and grew up in Winnipeg. During the past 20 years he has done further studies, served a number of congregations in the US, and has served, first as a professor, and then as the president of the seminary of the American Association of Lutheran Churches in Minneapolis. Harald has also been involved in a few overseas missions trips over the last few years. During my time serving Living Word in Eagan, Minnesota, Harald and I renewed our friendship and spent much time in prayer together. He is a gifted preacher and teacher with a love for GOD'S Word and a commitment to the great commission that our LORD has given to His people. If the LORD leads him to accept our call I believe he will be a great blessing to our mission work.

Please pray for Dr. Schoubye that the LORD would give him wisdom, concerning this call, and a clear understanding and peace regarding the LORD's will.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



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