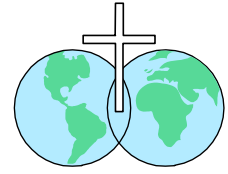




**Ends of the Earth Courier for CHRIST
June 2009**



DEAR FRIENDS & PARTNERS IN CHRIST:

**I greet you in the Name of CHRIST our Creator, Savior, and risen and returning LORD!
Amen! Come, LORD JESUS!**

My wife Dorothy and I recently celebrated our 25th Anniversary. As all of you mature people know, those years have flown by. We praise GOD for His faithfulness, patience, and many blessings to us during these 25 years. As Ephesians 3:21 says He has blessed us *“far more abundantly than all we could have asked or imagined”*. As I have shared many times in many places *“FAITH is a Fantastic Adventure in Trusting Him”*. Twenty-five years ago we didn't have any idea what these years would hold for us; we only knew that we needed to learn to trust our GOD and SAVIOR in every circumstance of our lives, and allow Him to work out His will for our lives. What an adventure He has led us on! His grace has always carried us through. As the song says: *“Faith is the victory that overcomes the world”*. We praise GOD for our children, for the congregations we have been blessed to serve, for our partners in ministry in Russia and India, and for your partnership with us in this travelling ministry.

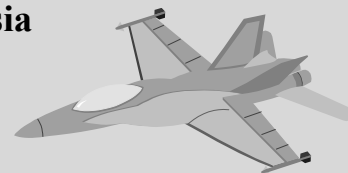
What will the next 25 years hold? For many of us it will hold the last years of our life in this world (some may make it through this world for another 25 years, if the LORD wills; may His will be done). My prayer and hope, for however many more years the LORD gives to us here, is that we would follow Him and use our time wisely, in a way that will be a blessing to the LORD and to others, especially those in need, and that with GOD'S blessing we would produce eternal fruit for the Kingdom of Heaven.

We are about to begin another new chapter in this adventure of faith. Beginning on July 1 we will once again be spending 2/3 of our time on our travelling ministry in Russia, India, and as GOD wills seeking to begin a new work in Africa. We appreciate your continued prayers and support for us in this ministry. The other third of our time will be spent serving the LORD through the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations in Canada.

All around us we hear and see the beauty of GOD'S wonderful creation, and we hear and see the evidence of the evil, suffering and death that humanity has spread in our world. Our world is lost and in need of GOD'S salvation through CHRIST. May the LORD help all of us to give ourselves fully to the work of the LORD: to obey His Word, to love our GOD and one another, and to help others come to know JESUS CHRIST as their SAVIOR and LORD. Nothing we do for CHRIST will be in vain; it will last for eternity!

RUSSIAN MISSION ITINERARY

- June 30-July 2** Leave Canada- Arrive in Russia
- July 3-10** Bible Camp Penza
- July 11-17** Bible Camp Yekaterinburg
- July 18-24** Bible Camp Tuim
- July 25-29** Moscow: Bible Distribution
- July 30** Flight Home



RUSSIA

As you can tell from the itinerary we are getting set to leave for a short term mission to Russia in a few weeks. This year I will be joined by my wife Dorothy, our daughter Heidi, and a young man from our congregation, Joel Stromberg (see letter by Joel). We are praying and excited about the ministry the LORD will enable us to do in Russia this summer. We are again planning on holding three Bible Camps, one in Penza 700 km from Moscow, and two in Siberia: Yekaterinburg, and Tuim. Our prayer is to be a blessing to the 200 or so children, youth, and young adults in helping them to believe and experience GOD'S amazing grace and salvation through our LORD JESUS CHRIST. We are also planning on bringing over \$10,000 for the purchase of Bibles for soldiers, police officers, and prisoners, and another \$1000 for Bibles for children and youth. Pastor Mark Benz is also hoping to join us for our time in Moscow working on the Bible Distribution.

Thank you to all of you who have given to enable us to minister GOD'S Word and Salvation in Russia. May the LORD bless each of you!

INDIA

Even though we are back in Canada now, our ministry in India continues through the ministries of St. Paul's Christian School and Vivek Foundation, the medical and evangelistic ministry of Dr. Anand. Our work also continues in India through the growth in the seeds of GOD'S Word: His truth and love that we had the opportunity to sow there in January.

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

THANK YOU – THANK YOU for the support many of you have sent for sponsoring the education of poor children. St. Paul's School has been on their summer vacation during the month of May and they began again at the beginning of June. Last year through your prayers and support we were able to sponsor 325 children (ages 4-16) to attend St. Paul's. Because of your faithful support over the past four years the school has been able to grow from 100 children to possibly 350 for this coming school year. Thank you again!

If the LORD lays it upon your heart to enable one or more of these children to attend St. Paul's for this coming year please indicate that on your donation check. It costs about \$150 to sponsor a child to attend the school for one year. This is a vital ministry that will be a blessing to these children to help them live in this world, and in the LORD'S Kingdom to come.

DR. ANAND'S MEDICAL AND EVANGELISTIC MINISTRY

We continue to support Dr. Anand's medical and evangelistic ministry with about \$700/ month. We are hoping to be able to increase this soon to at least \$1000 a month to enable Dr. Anand to increase His outreach efforts of bringing medicines and the Gospel to the villages in Andhra Pradesh. I've included a part of his last email to me regarding some of his work in May.

Greetings in Jesus name.

Tonight I am leaving to Hyderabad for two days Apologetics training classes at Hyderabad. As I told you previously we introduced the subject to many Church members. They are interested and we fixed every month two days classes in Hyderabad. Kindly pray for the classes. I am sharing one subject on importance and advantages of understanding Apologetics in Christian life and Church ministry. One of my friends sharing another topic. We are also organizing three days Gospel meetings near Bapatla on May 26th to 28th. This month we supplied medicines to control the problems in Summer season to ICDS Centers. Some centers are still to be supplied. We will supply after returning from Hyderabad.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Dr. Anand kumar.

Letter from Joel Stromberg

Dear brothers and sisters in CHRIST:

It's hard to believe that in a month I will be graduating from high school and stepping into a brand new era in my life! I have been seeking guidance from my LORD and SAVIOR for what move I should make next. While contemplating and praying GOD has given me the desire to spend a year of my life after high school focusing completely on Him and on drawing closer to His heart to discover what plans GOD has for me in this world, and where He desires to use me. Part of my decision led me to ask Pastor Al Pinno if I would be able to serve with Him and work to not only improve my personal walk with CHRIST, but also be able to find a place to serve GOD. After talking it over I decided to commit myself to helping Pastor Al not only locally, but also on the different mission trips he goes on. I know that this experience will both challenge me, and put me out of my comfort zone, but I also know that GOD is faithful and He will teach me and continually reveal more of His heart for me, and more of His will for my life. Please pray for me and with me for all those all over our world who need the Gospel. I have heard the LORD'S call, "Whom will I send? And who will go for Us?" (Isaiah 6) and I have responded, "Here am I, send me".

Joel Stromberg

NOTE BY PASTOR AL:

I am thankful for this opportunity to help Joel grow in his relationship with the LORD. During this year that Joel spends in discipleship training with me, he will be raising his own support, through letters he sends to family and friends, and perhaps some part time jobs. I know that he would appreciate any support that any of you may be led to give to help him in this year of discipleship and mission training.

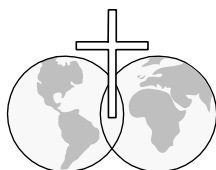
ANOTHER NOTE BY PASTOR AL :

I praise GOD for the opportunity to serve and glorify Him and spread the good news of His Word in Russia and India, and if the LORD chooses perhaps in Nigeria later this year. The harvest is plentiful! We appreciate and our thankful for any help you can give to us as we seek to increase our work in these fields. In addition to the needs in each of these harvest fields, we are also in need of support for our family. Over the last 3 ½ years we have received most of our personal support through Living Word congregation in Vernon, for which we thank and praise the LORD. Specifically right now we would appreciate your prayers that the LORD would guide us in providing a home for us. Our desire would be to continue to live in the Vernon area, but above all we want the LORD to lead us to the place He has for us.

"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 Pinno*

Proclaiming the Glory and Salvation of the LORD to the ends of the Earth!



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PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

Thanksgivings:

- For the LORD'S provision to enable us to return to Russia to purchase Bibles for Russian soldiers, police officers, and prisoners, and to hold Bible camps where His grace and truth can be spread to the children, youth and young adults;
- For the support we have received for St. Paul's School that enabled 325 children to attend this past year, and for Vivek Foundation medical ministry to the children in many villages;
- For the faithful and dedicated partners that the LORD has given us to work with in Russia and India;
- For all who are supporting our ministry in prayer and finances.

Requests:

- For the LORD'S protection and blessing on our team as we minister in Russia this summer;
- That the LORD would fill us with His SPIRIT to bring His grace and truth in His power to the children, youth, and adults in the Bible Camps, and that if He wills we would be able to reach more people through these summer camps in the future;
- For GOD's provision and blessing on St. Paul's School and Vivek Foundation Ministries in India;
- For GOD's blessing on Joel Stromberg, as he spends this year of discipleship and mission training with me;
- For the provision of about \$8000 for Sandya, a young lady from India who would like to attend Bible School at CLBI, Camrose;
- For CHRIST'S guidance and provision for a home for us.