

**A**nd they offered great sacrifices that day and rejoiced, for God had made them rejoice with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. And the joy of Jerusalem was heard far away.  
(At the dedication of the rebuilt Jerusalem wall, Nehemiah 12:43, ESV)



# Winter **JAARS** Report



## August - 2010

### *Summertime from Waxhaw, North Carolina*

Our last letter reported on the joyful completion of the entire Koronadal Blaan New Testament in audio format. Now we have word from Hosanna-Faith Comes By Hearing in Albuquerque, NM, reporting that the NT audio is in the queue for mastering and should be completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. PTL!

The e-mail message to us concluded by saying, "We appreciate your efforts to promote the audio Scriptures and [Blaan] listening groups. May God prepare their [the Blaans'] hearts!" To that we give a big, "Thank You, Lord!"

We have been interested in knowing more about the **Proclaimer** player that will be used by the Bible study groups. So we went over to the VM (Vernacular Media) department here at JAARS to see what we might learn. We were not disappointed. A colleague spent some time with us and answered all our questions and a lot more. After our visit, we had our picture taken in VM's front office.



It was a joy for us to actually be holding the **Proclaimer** player that the Blaans will be using in their Bible study groups. We are honored God has allowed us to be part of this. He has included each of you, as well.

With all this excitement over the Bible study groups in the Philippines, we are also excited about planning our next trip to the Philippines to help make the new audio Bible studies successful. Our tentative plan is to travel in the month of July, 2011. Pray with us about this and the funding needed to cover our travel expenses.

We're keeping in touch via e-mail with **Pastor Cuma Saya** in the Philippines. Recently we became concerned, as he was extremely tired and showing signs of respiratory trouble. The doctor suspected he might have picked up TB. We are thankful to report it's not TB, but that Pastor Cuma's busy schedule and extensive travel by motorcycle are exhausting him.

After some rest, Cuma has returned to his travels, but with his youngest son handling the motorcycle. Pastor Cuma supervises the newly begun Blaan churches in South Cotabato and Tboli provinces. **Just since January of this year, 19 new churches have opened!** It's a great thing to think of, but we do pray for safety and good



### **Praise 'n Prayer**

- Thank you for praying for us. We often speak of our team and how much you mean to us.
- Please pray as the Blaan Audio Scriptures are processed and made available to the churches in the southern Philippines.
- Pray for Pastor Cuma's supervisory and Scripture distribution work. Pray for safety and health in this strenuous work.
- Pray for plans for our trip to the Philippines next summer.
- Praise for our expected grandbaby. Pray for Kristy to stay healthy throughout this pregnancy.
- Praise for our restful though short trip to the Northeast.

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health for Cuma, as he visits these places. They are all remote villages up in the hills, thus requiring strenuous travel. We're thankful Cuma's son can help.

One of Pastor Cuma's ideas to promote the use of Blaan Scriptures is reading contests. We are excited about this. What a way to promote Bible reading!

The **Jungle Jump Off** program here at JAARS has given many young people a chance to experience a part of missions and to spend time with missionaries. We are among those missionaries privileged to interact with these young people. Over the summer we have had opportunity to have 7 groups to our house for a dinner—we feed them as authentic a taco dinner as we can. Then we take about two hours to tell how we became involved in missions and answer their many questions. We are so blessed to participate in this program. May God have His way in their lives.

This is summertime and we wondered if we could take a **short vacation**. As it turned out, the Lord did have some travel in mind. On looking the situation over, we felt we could drive up to New England for a week and see Sally's siblings in New Hampshire and Connecticut. This was a great time. On our way driving north we visited with a translator friend from the Philippines. Then on the drive south, we visited with a family also from the Philippines. Sally taught all three of the children in this family so it was great to catch up with them.

We had a lovely picnic supper with Sally's sister at the ocean. Pictured is part of Beaver Tail State Park in



Rhode Island. The sunset was a beauty! We had a Bar-B-Q and loads of visiting with Sally's two brothers. All in all, it was a very refreshing time.

**Of special interest for Leon** was to return to Groton, Connecticut. (*Leon served in the US Navy submarine service from 1962-68. After a year on a WWII diesel sub, the USS Pomfret, SS-391, Leon attended two schools for training in atomic power plant operation. In, 1965, he was assigned to the USS G. W. Carver SSBN-656, which carried Polaris missiles.*) Memories flowed as we toured the Submarine Force

Museum where the first nuclear powered sub, the USS Nautilus, SSN-571, is moored and open to visitors. We were proud to see the sharp sailors on duty aboard the Nautilus.



**Leon's work in the Wireless Communication Department** at JAARS continues to provide fulfillment. He is part of a great team of men working to support translation work, particularly in remote parts of Africa and Southeast Asia.

**Sally is gearing up** for the start of school in mid-August. She continues to enjoy teaching 5th grade Science and History. Besides teaching, Sally enjoys hosting the Jungle Jump Off young people and other JAARS groups in our home.

**Daughter Kristy** announced that she and husband **Dennis** will be welcoming the arrival of their 2nd child in March, 2011. Gabe, now 4 1/2, is thrilled with the idea of being a big brother. Please pray with us for Kristy's health and the baby's development. This will be grandchild #9 for us!



**Once again, we have many reasons to give Praise to the Lord. We pray it is the same for you. Foremost in our reasons for thanksgiving to the Lord is your faithful part in support of what we are called to do. Your prayers and gifts are essential and we thank God for each of you.**

*Leon Sally*

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