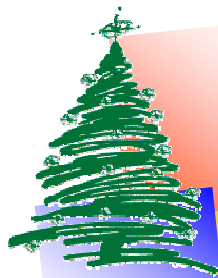


You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 118:28-29 (NLT)



**Merry
Christmas**

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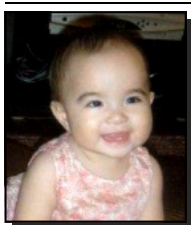
Remembering the fine year God has given us



January—A message from the Philippines informs us that 50 Proclaimers are in the Philippines and will be ready for the pastor training seminar planned for the coming July.



February—Leon enjoyed helping in Haiti building shelters for Haitians as part of a Samaritan's Purse work team.

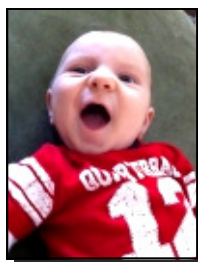


Kristy became mom to Olivia who decided to arrive 5 weeks early. She is a very healthy 9 month old and is starting to walk.



March—We received four DVDs containing 20 gigabytes representing the whole of the Blaans New Testament reading. These are the uncompressed audio master files. That is, they do not have background sound effects; only the spoken Scripture.

The high quality NT audio will be useful for future Bible worker teaching materials. Stay tuned in.



April—Rowan joins the family, giving Chris and Sheri three active boys. Sally was privileged to be with Sheri at Rowan's birth. What a smile!

May—Sally's 5th grade class finished their studies as she wrapped up another great year teaching at Metrolina Christian Academy.



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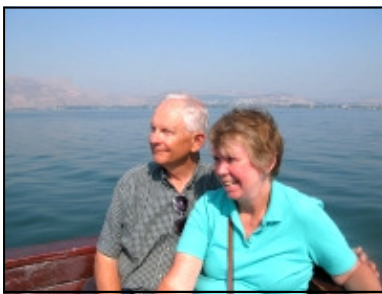


Praise 'n Prayer

- Praise for God's continued love and care. We love serving Him and rest in Him.
- Pray for Sally's sister-in-law, Donna. She is getting chemo now for the return of cancer.
- Leon's brother Keith struggles with respiratory disease. We covet your prayers for healing and God's peace.
- Pray for the committee of Blaans to form to begin translating the Old Testament. Church leaders are excited about having the complete Bible.
- We praise God for our continued good health and energy to continue the ministries He has for us.
- We praise God for safe trips to Israel and the Philippines.

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June—Once in a lifetime blessing of a trip to Israel. Our group of 27 came from five home countries and represented work in 15 countries. We enjoyed wonderful fellowship with them as we traveled the far reaches of Israel. Outside of Jerusalem we stayed at kibbutz guest houses. Meeting Hebrew and Palestinian believers was an unexpected blessing. The picture is of us boating across the Sea of Galilee.



July—Our trip to minister in the Philippines was all that we had hoped and more. The first event was the Bible Listening Group training seminar. It concluded with 25 pastors and Christian workers receiving their personal Proclaimer players with a commission to start Bible Listening Groups.



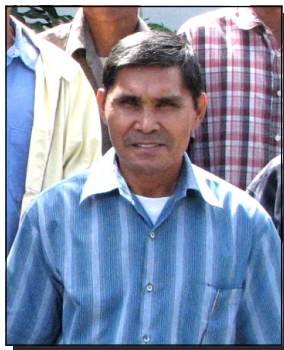
The other event was the start of the Old Testament translation committee. Pictured is the first meeting with Sally and three pastors.



We know there's much work yet to be done, but

how beautiful to see it begin.

August—In spite of evangelistic work in the southern Philippines for decades, Pastor Cuma traveled to an area, new to him. He found ten barangays (Filipino term for a village), where the Gospel has not been preached before. He rejoiced to locate people hungry for God's Word and eager to listen to the Scriptures heard clearly played on the Proclaimer.



September—Pastor Cuma began the taxing job of locating and communicating with leaders of the more than 20 church groups that work among the Blaans. He needs to draw them together and determine the interest in the Old Testament translation. Every group that he talked to was enthusiastic about it. Imagine only having the New Testament. We would miss out on the beauty of the Psalms and the fascinating history that is the foundation of the New Testament.

October—Leon had a new experience one Saturday helping load dozens of passengers into the JAARS helicopter for rides.



He also took time to share the work of JAARS and Bible translation with folks as they waited their turn. We feel privileged to continue our service in many and varied ways.

Our grandson Aiden, then 6, underwent an emergency appendectomy. We thank God he came through with no problems.

November—We had a wonderful extended phone call with Pastor Cuma—a rare treat. Please pray for this dear servant of God. He wears many hats and feels the weariness of the miles he travels on his motorcycle. He reported that since September eleven new Blaan churches have opened. Five of these are in areas found in September. Six are scattered in various other places. We are in awe of how the Gospel continues to spread.

Our spirits are lifted in the Christmas Season, for we "see" all the way to Easter. Here is the Cross where God's gift of eternal life came to everyone who will trust wholly on the Lord Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins. Halleluiah!

Thank you for your many prayers and gifts. God keeps us going through your generosity.

Joyfully in Christ,

Leon Sally



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