

**H**ow beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation. *Isaiah 52:7a (NIV)*



# Winter **JAARS** Report

**July - 2011**



## ***Assisting K. Blaen Pastors to Teach Non-Readers***

As you receive this letter, Lord willing, we are arriving in the Philippines for the start of a 16-day ministry time. We are excited about being back with our colleagues but especially about being with Blaen friends again.

Our purpose in going began two years ago on our last visit. We laid the groundwork then for the recording and duplication of the audio Koronadal Blaen New Testament. We are heading back to help train pastors to use the audio players most effectively, especially for marginal- and non-readers. We will be working with Raymond Francisco, the Philippines representative of Faith Comes by Hearing (FCbH). Fifty of the specially set-up "Proclaimer" Bible players are in the Philippines ready to hand out to participating pastors who will be using them in Bible studies in Blaen churches.



**Rev. Cuma Saya**

Pastor Cuma, who was the main facilitator for the hymn-writing workshop, has been organizing the Bible player training. He has arranged all the travel and venue for the workshop.

Now it's up to us and the FCbH representative. Pray for the workshop that will begin on July 12th.

We also hope to begin discussions on the translation of the Old Testament for the Koronadal Blaen people.

### **Rowan's Arrival**

We welcome to the family our latest grandchild, Rowan Jeremiah Leigh, Chris and Sheri's third son, born on April 9th. Rowan's arrival was an extra special event for us because Sally was present for the birth of a grandchild for the first time. Rowan is a big boy, weighing in at birth at 9 lbs. 14 oz.



While Sally was in California, she also met little Olivia who had arrived in February.



### **News from Kathy**

In April we were saddened to learn that Kathy Zorn, Sally's colleague in the Blaen project, lost her husband Larry. Please pray for comfort for Kathy.



### **Praise 'n Prayer**

- Pray for our safe travel to and within the Philippines.
- Pray for the seminar with Blaen pastors to introduce the audio New Testament.
- Pray for Kathy and the decisions ahead as a widow.
- Praise for the safe arrival of Rowan. Pray for wisdom for the doctors who are monitoring one of his eyes. Pray that it turns out to be entirely normal.
- Praise for Olivia's steady progress after her early start.
- Praise for our wonderful study tour to Israel and for safety as we traveled "from Dan to Beersheba."

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The Temple Mount, Jerusalem

We want to share some of our experiences in Israel with you. Most of the group were Wycliffe members, many of them Bible translators. Before going we had

some reading assignments and map work to prepare us for the on-site studies. We stayed at a hotel within the walled Old City for the beginning and end of our stay, with trips south to the Negev Desert and north to the Galilee area.

Our instructor, Dr. Ginger Caessens of the University of the Holy Land, taught us as



Our guide, Dr. Ginger Caessens, taught us at each Biblical site.

we were at the various sites. We visited such places as the area where Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, where Joshua led the children of



Up to our knees in places walking Hezekiah's water tunnel

Israel into the Promised Land, where Gideon reduced his army to 300 men, and Mt. Carmel where Elijah confronted the 400 prophets of Baal worship.

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.



The Sea of Galilee, where Jesus asked Peter if he loved him.

We were blessed to meet Hebrew and Palestinian believers. Through this trip we came to understand the fragile situation the land of Israel has lived with for thousands of years. We learned much more about the difficulties of present-day Israel as well.



Enjoying good fellowship.

Please pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**To walk the land of the ancient people of God was a wonderful experience. Now we head to a land where people of God hunger for His Word. We thank you for your partnership in this work and your prayer for our continued efforts there.**

In His service,

*Leon Sally*

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