Shandon On Mission

"Missionary Letters"

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Happy New Year! We are blessed to have your partnership as we reach college students for Christ at Clemson University. College students represent a strategic segment of the population who we pray will become laborers for the kingdom of God in this state, nation, and world.

After moving from Columbia to Clemson in August, we quickly unpacked in time for the new academic year. We praise God for providing us help loading and unloading our moving truck, an affordable rental home for ministry, and motivated student leaders. The past five months have flown by!

We strive to help college students to know Christ in a personal and transformational way. Whether meeting with students for one-on-one discipleship, small group Bible studies, or outreach events, our vision is centered on the Great Commission. With God's help, we strive to teach students practical tools that will encourage them to grow in their faith and reach out to others (2 Timothy 2:2). Jesus observed in Matthew 9:36-37 that, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

Would you pray for us at Clemson University that we would reach more students for Christ? Also, pray that students would grow in their faith and give their lives away as laborers for Christ. We look forward to sharing with you more updates in the future.

Chip & Melanie
Asia
Secure

We are back in Asia! Our time visiting with you and many of our family and friends over the last few months has been such a blessing. Many have asked about how we are feeling about our return to Asia. Well, saying goodbye doesn't get any easier... I feel like I have to pry my arms off of my Mother's neck on that last "goodbye" hug, and that gets worse every time we come back to the US and leave again, BUT- we are returning to Aisa with a deep sense of God's call on our lives, and excitement about what's in store during this next term. AND, we return with a deeper sense of gratitude to the Lord for calling us into this ministry to the unreached, as well as a deeper sense of gratitude for you and for Shandon for helping to make it possible. What an honor and a privilege it is to share with the Lord in this ministry to a people who've never heard the Good News in a place where the Good News have never taken root! May the Lord draw MANY to Himself this year! God bless you!

Prayer requests:

- for travel and visa issues to go smoothly- Chip had to get a different visa that we'll have to renew in a couple of months;
- for Mel's family- Mel's mom is in the early stages of Alzheimer's and it was VERY difficult to say goodbye. Please pray for her health and salvation, and for Mel to trust the Lord to take care of her while we're away.

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Frank & Mary Shivers

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My new book *Spurs to Soul Winning: 531 Motivations To Win Souls* is now available. Two years in the work this volume is formatted to be used if desired as a jumpstart to the day to aid in maintaining a focus on 'others' and their need of Christ.

In *Spurs To Soul Winning* Frank Shivers provides both the seasoned and novice soul winner with incentives and motivations to consistently seek to win the unsaved through use of biblical examples, soul winning stories, sayings of great winners of souls and compelling scriptural challenges. This volume is the largest resource of its kind available to the publishers' knowledge. (*Spurs to Soul Winning*, Hardback, 417 p) The book is available at frankshivers.com .

All believers need to be intentional about sharing Christ with others. *Spurs to Soul Winning* will help develop this heart mind-set. Thank you for interceding in my behalf.

Please pray for me as I minister at the following dates and places:
1/8-11 Seven Pines Baptist, Barnwell, SC
1/9 Barnwell Pastor's Meeting
1/19 Bailey Smith Real Evangelism Conf, Waycross, GA @ 10 AM 1/22-25 Coosawhatchie Baptist Church, Coosawhatchie, SC
1/27 FSEA Board Meeting
1/28-29 Siloam Baptist Church, Easley, SC

David & Wanjai P

Asia
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It is always glad so share our news with you. After having urgent medical leave due to my eye problem (PVD), I realized again that this is spiritual warfare on the mission field. My doctor told me that there was nothing for him to do then. "Just have some rest!"

Now I am back in our country and attending a global conference for reaching out to the Buddhist world. This year's theme is about "developing local indigenous leaders" There are many methods but the most important one is to share your life with others in the Spirit.

This monday was the first day for our little Lisa (27 months) at Kindergarten. Though she is our third daughter and it is only half day, our heart has been feeling something new!

We are also happy to be a partnering family of Shandon again for His Kingdom.

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Translation check of 24 chapters from Genesis and Exodus the week of January 30th (my translation consultant is coming from the US and will be doing the final check of these chapters with me and two helpers from the village).

Guy and Keyla Burkhead --- a young couple I met in the fall who are considering joining the Speitelsbachs and I as coworkers. Pray for God to direct them in their decision making.

I'm currently translating the book of Mark. Pray for BK and me as we work together on terms and knowing how best to express the parables and Jewish culture in ways that are true to scripture but clearly communicated in the Glaro language.

Too, pray for BK as we discuss the truths that are being revealed daily as we work in Mark. The messages there are so powerful!! I am so appreciative of what I'm learning daily as I spent a lot of time studying out each section of each chapter. Pray that God will enable BK's mind to being to understand the truths that he is hearing each day, and that he will consider them; and that as he does, he will lay aside the cultural and church teachings he holds very tightly, and which are in opposition to God's truth, and accept

Christ as who is He revealed to be in Scripture.

Aaron and Amy Speitelsbach, my co-workers who live in the Glaro district in Liberia --- pray for them as they continue in language study. Again, we would sure appreciate, and could use!!!, some new co-workers!!

Lastly, a young Glaro man, Francis, is coming to my office 2x/week and I'm teaching him how to read and write Glaro. I'm wondering if in the near future, after he's learned how to read and can write Glaro well, if I can bring him in to be a part of the translation work….. This is something you all could be praying about – that God's purposes, in having Francis desire to read and write his mother tongue, be accomplished, whatever they might be.

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Branson, Lisa, Benjamin, Kaitlyn, Rachel and Adrian

Thank you so much for praying for our family throughout the years. Last year was a record breaking year for ministry numbers. We had double the number of reported conversions and rededications than the year before. Adrian felt the presence of the Spirit thoughout the year in a powerful way. That is why we say Thank You!!! We realize that your prayers are crucial and powerful!!

At one event in particular there were over 6,000 conversions to Christ! That same event had over 5,000 rededications as well! It has really been a thrill watching the Lord work to change lives.

Upcoming Schedule:
1/20 - Conway SC
1/26 - Plymouth, NC Wild Game Banquet
1/27-29 - Kiokee Baptist Church Augusta, Ga
2/1-4 - Safari Club International
2/5-6 - Lake Murray Presbyterian
2/13 - Charleston Southern FCA
2/16 - Liberty Christian Academy, Lynchburg, VA
2/24-26 - First Baptist Church, Milton, Fl Men's Conference

Aki & Anne Nakamura

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Nakamura's Last Bible study of the year 2011

Happy New Year!
We want to give thanks to God for His faithfulness during this past year:
· For the opportunity to help and serve the victims of earthquake/tsunami/nuclear power plant in Japan
· For allowing HIS ministry to have lunches and enabling us to connect with hundreds of internationals.
· For continuing to bring us international students and Christian teammates to our Friday Bible study and for saving three souls: Miguel (Ecuador)/Bin (China) /Takeshi (Japan)
· For starting the children's Bible study group and sending us a teacher for the children's group
· For the faithful financial support given to us.

Prayer requests
· For lunches at HIS for a new semester and good connection with students
· For new students to join our Friday Bible Study 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24
· For those who attend our Bible study to have open and receptive heart to the Lord
· For special upcoming events: 1/20, 2/3
· For a Global Leadership Seminar 1/21
· We have seen some Japanese exchange program students at USC. We start a new ministry for Japanese students 1/22

Remember to pray for our mission partnerships:

Local: Heartworks, Daybreak Ministries, Oliver Gospel Mission, Meadowfield Elem.

Internatl: Chosen Children Ministries, Managua, Nicaragua

Jim & Melinda Erickson

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Greetings brothers and sisters! We praise God for all of you, praying and loving those we love both in the USA and in India. Thanks so much!

Mumbai

Ha is in Mumbai again, after nearly two months in the north following the death of his elder brother. His mother is out of the hospital and at home now. The most difficult thing for Ha while there was that his family and neighbors are all putting pressure on Ha to recant his faith in Christ and return to Islam. In addition, there is pressure for him to take up his elder brother's responsibility in Bahrain, running the family business. His response to all of that? "Fa and I are returning to Mumbai as soon as the 40 day remembrance is finished."

1. Please pray for Ha's faith to be increased under this additional pressure and persecution.

2. Ha has been out of Mumbai for some time; first, with his faithful Mbb brother, Naj, who was beaten as the result of his faith while he recovered in the hospital and then immediately after the tragic death of his brother. Now he is headed back to Mumbai with no job. Please pray that God will lead him to just the right job to sustain he and Fa, that will allow him time to invest in his Mbb brothers as well.

Mohammad is still in Mumbai and is looking for a new job, too. He and Far are making plans to open a small provision store (grocery) so that they can earn a little more income and give Far something to do, people to meet so that she isn't so lonely. Please pray for Mohammad to find work that will allow him time to spend with the Mbbs and which will provide adequately for he and Far.

Orange County

Jim has continued to meet with AMF on a weekly basis, and this past week shared the possibility of him learning how to share with his countrymen in Orange County (from Iran or other countries of origin) as well as eventually in Iran, in a way that will not offend, but be relationship-driven. AMF already has a heart for sharing with Iranian Muslims, but did not previously think that he could share in any way other than through his book. Somehow he hadn't caught the idea of being in relationship with someone to lead them to faith in Jesus. He had tried before, but as he said, he drives them away because he is not gentle. AND PTL, AMF's cataract surgery was completely successful! He can see Jim's face now, and the details of his apartment. He can read again and drive! This is a BIG deal for him. Thanks for praying!

Jim has met and begun spending time with another man, Mas, who is a Muslim who has shown some interest in Jim - perhaps just because he thinks Jim may be interested in Islam. Smile. He IS, but not for the reason that Mas, perhaps, thinks.

Pray, too, for the anticipated birth of a new grand daughter any time now. Melinda is in Cincinnati, waiting to see her fresh little face! Thanks for your prayers...everyone.

January/February Birthdays

1/11 Wanjai P

1/23 Maya H (3)

1/23 Ashley B

2/22 Joel H (6)

2/28 Linda Allen

2/29 David P

Please send birthday greetings and pray for our missionaries and MK's on their special day.

Sainey Fatty

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The Lord called me to serve, and I had the great opportunity and privilege to be ordained as minister of the gospel of Christ last November. Giving thanks for your faithful prayers, encouragement, love, and financial support for my ministry. Without you I don't know where I would be today.

Please continue to pray for my immigration situation. In November, our Father showed His steadfast goodness and faithfulness once again in hearing and responding to our pleas as I had an interview with Homeland Security, and it went really well. We sought the Lord and He answered us! I am scheduled for another interview February 2, 2012. Pray that my full trust will be in the Savior, resting in nearness to Him, and that He will give me favor in the eyes of those in authority who make the decisions for my permanent residency in the U.S.

And pray the Lord's Spirit will give strength and prepare our hearts and minds, hands and feet, for the this semester to meet our new and old students to share the gospel with them. Thank you very much for your heart for our Savior, for your desire to reach the nations through our ministry here, for your love and your prayers and financial support of my ministry which is invaluable to me. May the Father bless you.

Davide & Rachel Tucker

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1. Pray that God would work in the hearts of Debora and Stefano with whom David has recently begun an evangelistic Bible study and bring conviction of sin and a sense of moral guilt before a holy God which will lead to their full surrender to the Lord Jesus.
2. Pray that God would work deeply in the heart of Alessandro and root out any lingering issues in his life that are hindering his full commitment to the Lordship of Christ.
3. Pray that God would bring Nicola, a young professional soccer player with whom David is studying the Scriptures, to bow his life to life to Christ's claims on his life.
4. Pray that God would bring Michele to follow Christ in baptism. He committed his life to Christ a couple of months ago but needs to testify of that decision openly in baptism.
5. Pray that God would lead and guide Diego, a potential future elder in the Trieste church, to the lady of His choice for him as a wife and to have the patience to wait for His timing in this crucial matter.

Bob & Linda Allen

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We continue to be grateful for your faithful prayer support. We just finished a training meeting for long term IMB personnel who have been on the field at least a year and not more than three years. We are so grateful to God for the many ways He blessed the meeting. First of all, God provided a wonderful team of volunteers from Edwards Road Baptist Church in Greenville, SC. They joined forces with five journeygirls (short term young adult women) and did a wonderful job taking care of the children during the meeting. They were a huge blessing to the young families involved in the training. God also used the training and meeting time to equip, encourage, and refresh those that attended. Please join us in thanking God for the ways He answered our prayers in greater ways than we could have even imagined.

Bob and I will be traveling to Senegal, West Africa, Feb. 1 - 11, for a meeting with the Affinity Group Leadership team. We would appreciate your prayers for safe travel for us and all the team as we travel from different parts of Africa. Pray that God would give wisdom and discernment for all involved.

We thank you for praying for our children. Our daughter, Stacey, continues to work for IMB at the conference center outside of Richmond, VA. Our son and daughter-in-law are currently working in Libya, but will finish their jobs there at the end of January. They are coming to Kenya in February and then will be moving to Kampala, Uganda in March.

Al & Susan G

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Happy New Year. I pray you are enjoying the goodness of the sweet fellowship of the Lord this new year.

Monday, January 16th, we will celebrate 10 years overseas. Yes, it has been ten years since we left Columbia and were commissioned by you to take the Gospel to those who have never heard. It has been nearly eleven years since I went up at alter call and told Dick that the Lord was calling me into missions. Since we arrived in France 10 years ago much has happened that we would have never believed. Our second son was born. We have been a part of opening new ministries in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Myanmar and Indonesia. Many people have been reached for Christ or have heard of Christ for the first time through the coupling of compassionate action and passionate proclamation of the Gospel. I have performed relief operations in some of the most gruesome and challenging places on earth, frankly. But each time, God has proceeded us and worked powerfully and out of all proportion compared to our often clumsy bits of help. And for this I am most grateful to our Lord and Savior who made this possible. And to you. You have followed the Lord's call to pray and give (and even sometimes go) in partnership with us. For this we are eternally grateful.

As the next ten years looms, many people ask us when we are returning home. I have no idea. As I have often said, we will go whenever and wherever Jesus tells us to go as a soldier obeying the commands of His King. I know many of you do the same because I learned this lesson among you.

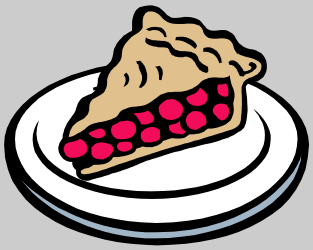
So pray for the work we do to continue and to please our Master. You can pray as I have had many responsibilities in Afghanistan and Libya added recently Pray for Susan as she is helping run a conference that will disciple many women and is also training four people (in addition to all the tasks she already does). Also pray for a science class she is teaching at our son's primary school. We are trusting God that He has much left for us to do, much of our character to grow, and many who need to hear the Good News. Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel until now and hereafter in the new year.

Bake a Blessing!!!

Want to bless others and be blessed with your culinary skills? Shandon provides homemade desserts for International Students at USC during HIS free lunch.

Spring Dates:
Thursdays
Feb 2 April 5 May 31

Bring to C121 Kitchen on Wed or on Thur before 9:30AM .



Food From the Heart

Saturday March 24, 2012

Special Training Session:
Sunday, March 18

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