

# Shandon On Mission

## “Missionary Letters”

Shandon Baptist Church

Jan/Feb 2010



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We were able to be trained by Joyce Bademan earlier this year. Joyce Bademan, author of *The Christmas Gatherings Manual*, trained a small group in Columbia on how to use Christmas gatherings as a way to reach out to families who are seeking to know more about God. The essence of a Christmas Gathering is taken from the Bible which says, “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our lives as well.” Pray that this will become a tradition of sorts for families who desire to reach their neighbors for Christ. For more information, visit: [www.christmasgatherings.org](http://www.christmasgatherings.org)

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It has been far too long since we have written to update you on our situation. First, please know that we are extremely grateful for all of the prayers, cards, gifts and care with which you have blessed us since our return in September. You will remember that in September, I (Ken) was flown back to Columbia from Manaus with some major, and then as yet completely diagnosed, health issues. Since that time we have learned that I have a kidney condition known as membranous nephropathy which has caused the blood clot and other issues as well. Basically, the kidneys are supposed to filter the protein coming into our bodies and distribute it throughout our system to the blood, muscles, organs, etc as God intended. The kidney then expulses a small amount (like .100 or .150 grams) out as urine. My kidney membranes have some problem which is preventing

them from filtering my protein properly and virtually all of it has been leaving through my urine (initial reads when I arrived were 11.9) Over time this will irreversibly damage my kidneys if not stopped. The doctor informed us that as a general rule, about 1/3 of patients will completely recover with no need for long term treatment nor long term damage, 1/3 will need to treat with meds for most of their life but still with a normal function and no irreversible damage. The final third will ultimately face end stage renal failure, need for dialysis and transplant or death. We cannot know into which of these I will fall at this point.

Initial course of treatment was to try steroids to see if that would heal my kidneys. We did see some positive movement at first but this last week learned that things had actually turned around again and the protein levels that had dropped (lowest was about 5.1) are now climbing and about 8.0 again (should be .100 or so!). The decision was made this week to begin the second treatment option which is to take a chemotherapy pill to try and heal the kidneys. This drug is likely to have different and more side effects. In addition, I am been experiencing a good deal of mild to severe muscle cramps, especially at night. We appreciate your continued prayers during this time.

We have also recently moved to the town of Blackville which is where Ken grew up (actually he grew up in the small community of Healing Springs). From our return until mid to late November, I did not have the strength or energy to do too much. As the treatment with steroids and other meds began to take effect, I regained sufficient strength to begin to speak in a number of churches about missions and our annual Lottie Moon focus. I also had the opportunity to begin serving as pastor of the Blackville First Baptist Church. We continue to serve as missionaries with the International Mission Board who are currently in the US on medical furlough treating my health issues and awaiting a resolution of my issues. The IMB allows missionaries to have ministry outlets while home in such situations and I am currently serving in Blackville with their awareness and approval. Yes, that does seem a little different but we are doubly blessed. The people in Blackville have been loving on us and blessing us since our return. The IMB continues to be a great family of missionaries who is taking care of our health and helping us greatly.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers. We can be reached at 803-394-6776 or 803-394-7287. Our mailing address is 269 Carroll Street, Blackville, SC 29817.

**PRAY FOR HAITI  
RELIEF EFFORT**

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1. Pray that God may help our daughter, Laura Tucker, a 14 year old missionary kid in her first year in a very good but very difficult scientific high school in the city of Trieste, Italy, with her studies, especially in Algebra, Geometry, Latin, Geography and Italian (all of which she is not passing at the moment).
2. Pray that God would create spiritual interest in the lives of Cesare and Elena, neighbors of the Tuckers, that they might be able to engage them in an evangelistic Bible study in the near future.
3. Pray that God would mightily work in Majlinda's heart as we study the Scriptures evangelistically together with her and that He would draw her to fully surrender her life to the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Pray that God would draw out a number of non believing men to our Men's Cookout on Saturday evening, January 30, during which a man who was formally involved in subversive extreme left political activity will share his testimony of how God radically changed his life.

to gather at the American home and celebrate the holiday with caring believers. We were so pleased to see the hosts engaging in conversation and being patient in listening to some who speak in broken English and to others who have strong accents. We have confidence that Christ's love through the hospitality and acceptance of this family is recognized in the eyes of non-believing internationals. It is our prayer that the followers of Christ will get involved in foreign missions as they remain here in Columbia, SC.

**Prayer requests**

1. HIS International allows us to take half-a-year long furlough and return to our home country, Japan, beginning in January 2010. Pray for our time there and our visit to our families and friends as well as former students.
2. Pray for international students with whom we have become closely connected. Many of them are to leave during our furlough time. Pray that God guides them to keep Christian contacts in the next place.
3. We will have to find new housing soon after we come back from Japan. Please pray for His guidance in a way that a suitable house both for living and ministry will be given.

**Global Harvest Mission Offering in 2009**  
 was  
**\$118,710**



**January/February Birthdays**

- 1/11 **Wanjai Park**
- 1/14 **Brooke Wise Hale**
- 1/23 **Maya Lloren Hill (1)**
- 1/23 **Ashley Brinkman**
- 2/7 **Chelsea Frazier (17)**
- 2/8 **Suzanne Frederick**
- 2/22 **Joel Hill (4)**
- 2/28 **Linda Allen**
- 2/29 **David Park**

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

**Thanksgiving dinner at the house of American host for HIS Students**



**Aki & Anne Nakamura**  
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One of our goals in our international student ministry is for local Christians to get involved in our mission task. Among the progress made is getting help from members of our church by baking cakes and cookies to serve our free lunch program. It has been a wonderful blessing and encouragement to us for the past several years. Another thing is for mission-minded Christians to demonstrate the love of Christ to internationals students during this holiday season. One faithful family in Christ opened their house and received a group of internationals for thanksgiving dinner. It was a wonderful experience for them

**Frank & Mary Shivers**  
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In January we had our annual student ski retreat in Gatlinburg and SLC (Student Leadership Conference) at Camp Longridge. January is a busy month additionally as we begin to make staff selections for our summer camp ministry and the annual meeting of the Board of Directors occurs.

Camp Longridge will be having a 'work day' Saturday, February 20. Please join us for this time of getting Longridge ready for our super summer camps. Please call Scott at 866-966-9805 for more information and to inform us of your intention.

I am happy to announce the publication of my new book, *Evangelistic Preaching 101: Voices of the Past and Present on Effective Preaching* (expected release around Christmas). This completes my five volume 101 series. Junior Hill writes, "This book should be read by every minister." Pray for its spiritual profit. Ordering information is available at [frankshivers.com](http://frankshivers.com). In April, *Christian Basis 101: A Handbook on Christian Growth* was released. I also published two evangelistic tract booklets this Fall: *False Hopes of Heaven*, and *First Steps for the New Believer*.

Please pray for my winter/spring revivals and the ongoing ministry at Camp Longridge. In February I will be speaking at the State Evangelism Conference, Charleston, SC. I do ask your prayers for this opportunity. In January the board will consider the upstart of construction of family housing units as depicted in our Master Plan. Pray for guidance in design and for funding.

As I close out 35 years in vocational evangelism I am of all people most grateful to the Lord for His provision and protection for the 'journey.' Pray with me that 2010 will be filled with opportunities for service, gracious funding from believers and one of great Harvest of souls.

Mary and I wish you each the very best in the New Year. Thank you for enabling our hands in this ministry prayerfully and financially.

**Join us!!**  
**Camp Longridge**  
**annual work day**  
**Saturday, February 20**

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How thankful we are for all that God, through Christ, has accomplished this year in our ministry. We at Crossover have much to celebrate:

- A new initiative has begun in Central Asia training church planters in a nation where there is much persecution for Christ followers.
- Doors in East Asia have opened for CCI-Australia to begin ministry and church planter training early in 2010.
- Short – term mission trips to various locations have resulted in new commitments to full time missionary service.
- The Moldova Ladies conference impacted the lives of many CCI-Moldova church planter wives and other attendees.
- New opportunities are on the horizon for training in the Middle East.
- We celebrate safety for all Crossover workers throughout the 17 countries we are represented in.
- Provisions were made for new construction at Crossover-USA to add more space to our present facility.

Personally, I have also had a very blessed year of ministry. In January, I was able to get some additional member care training in California and also see Yosemite National Forest. Then in April I traveled to a closed Central Asian country to attend a Ladies conference in hopes of someday taking a team of women there. It was an incredible eye-opening journey. Then in the summer I had the pleasure of leading two short term teams to my "home away from home", Moldova. Then in October I was able to participate in the Ladies Conference in Prague and then on to Moldova which was most definitely a ministry high point.

The highlight of the year has to be Jason and Alexa's wedding in September at the Middleton Plantation in Charleston, SC. It was a glorious day! See the photo below.

As you may remember I went to Iowa last month to be with my mom. Her condition remains basically unchanged. She has lost a lot of weight this year and is down to 120 lbs. But I believe she is getting good care and so our family can rest in that. I want to thank the many of you who often ask how she is doing. Please continue to pray for her to have God's peace and that God would have mercy upon her.



(Left to right; Brandi, Jackson (Jack), Jonathan, Alexa, Jason, me, Randy)

**Vanessa Frazier**  
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To my brothers and sisters in Christ: Thank You for all your prayers! I tell the teens all the time, "If we're not praying, we're not doing anything!"

In November we met once again at Columbia International University as a part of their community service. I'm always blessed to hear about their experience. This time we had in our midst one of our teen "backsliders". It was amazing to watch him fidget and leave the room throughout the event. As God would have it, he found himself speaking to one of the mothers outdoors. She had him to recall the time he prayed in this same building for the success of this ministry and his mother: me!

Please pray for my son as he goes through this time of falling away and pray for me as I watch my only begotten son "fidget". It's been beautiful watching our Shepherd, Jesus Christ, continue to keep Jeremy in his hands. God is truly faithful! I'm still smiling!

I look forward to the New Year! So much is happening and the months seem to go as fast as they come. Teens are being saved and I can't tell you how beautiful it is to watch them gaze into the bible when we meet together. No quarterly's, just the infallible word of God that cause them to moan and groan.

Praise God for the parents who are being fed as reports and postcards are entering the home. One boy told his mother that he doesn't eat at school on Thursdays because he prefers to eat during "Boy Talk". If you knew my cooking, you would laugh with me!

As God has His way in this public school, I never know what they individually leave with but I love the teen that walks up to me after the meeting and says, "Ms. Frazier, I've got to tell you something."

Stay excited with me. There's no time to doubt or shrink back. Look into the Word of God and see where Jesus is taking these "babies". I'M BELIEVING GOD!

As God continues to remind me to stand firm, I'm going for it and I pray that you will continue to pray us through this exciting season.

- Continue to pray for the teens that are backsliding.
- Continue to pray for the God-ordained future for each of these teens.
- Continue to pray for the protection of this ministry.
- Continue to pray for the administration of this ministry.
- Continue to pray, believing, for the godly success of this next generation of Christian men and women.

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I was in Abidjan until the second week in December pick up Amy and Aaron because it was time for them to make the move to Beoue. They'll be living in the village anywhere from two to six months, before moving on to another Glaro village, either in Ivory Coast or **Liberia...**

The big question right now is, can Amy and Aaron live (survive!) in Liberia? The 10 or so year civil war left the infrastructure of the country in utter ruins. Just now bridges are being rebuilt which will be reconnecting the country, and enabling the flow of basic supplies to reach outlying/remote areas. Right now, the Glaro living in Liberia walk 4 to 7 to 9 hours (depending on where their village is located) from Liberia to Ivory Coast to buy staples like salt, oil, matches, kerosene, etc. Can Amy and Aaron realistically live in such isolated conditions?

We'll be attempting to find this out in late January and early February. NTM leadership (2 of them), two Glaro who live in Ivory Coast (of course, BK is one of the two) Aaron, I and possibly Amy will be entering into Liberia and eventually meeting up in the Glaro village of Freetown. From there we'll make trips to the other 3 main Glaro villages in Liberia (there are 14 Glaro villages in all, and 5,140 Glaro in Liberia), staying over night in each, looking around, asking questions, etc.

We will be trying to determine (1) in which Glaro village we'd like to see our work among the Glaro in Liberia begun, and (2) if it is feasible/reasonable/possible for Amy and Aaron to live in Liberia at this time. Of course, we are seeking and depending on God's wisdom and direction in all of this.

So, please be praying about this Jan/feb trip. There are many unknowns before we all meet up in Freetown, and lots of walking to be done before we cross the river and step back on Ivorian soil on February 8 or 9.

Translation is inching along, I'd say. I've got to find more dependable helpers. There is a Glaro village an hour south of Beoue, and there's a good chance that I can find dependable helpers there for 2 steps of the translation process: recording and comprehension checking. I feel that if I can find good and dependable helpers, then I can take several chapters through these two steps in two to four days. In Beoue these two steps have been taking me weeks to accomplish, because I just can't depend on my helpers being able to help me as often as is needed in order to move along at a moderate pace.

I emailed what are called BT's (Back Translations) of Genesis 1-4 to my consultant. He will do a preliminary check of these chapters, send me any comments he has, and then I'll make necessary adjustments to the translation. The next step will be an in person **consultant visit**. My consultant and I are currently trying to set a date for his next trip here in order for him to do a consultant check. Possible dates mentioned are in March, or July/August. My focus now is Genesis 5-11, getting them up to BT level ASAP, while also continuing work on other chapters.

Please be praying for **Amy and Aaron** as they settle in in Beoue and get started in Stage 1 of language and culture study. Pray that there will be some young men and women their age (Amy is 25 and Aaron in his early 30's) who will be wanting to take them under wing and help them learn nouns and about the everyday objects they see in and around the village and who will welcome A&A into their lives and life activities. Amy and Aaron are good, good folk. Very easy going, easy to get along with, willing to do whatever is needed, and good language learners! Thank you, Lord.

## David & Wanjai Asia

This time of each year has always been a blessing to our family, because we can reflect on the past year and pray ahead for the year approaching.

### Reflecting the year of 2009

- Arrival of our third daughter Lisa Yestle Park on 5th of Oct.
- Finishing one year full time language learning and continuing part time study.
- Starting our role as area personnel director partially from May and fully from Aug.
- Receiving 19 new people on our team as a new personnel director.
- Attending Global Leaders Gathering in March.
- Attending National Evangelism Congress in May.
- Joining our group's people development task force team.

### Planning for the year of 2010

- Being good parents of three girls.
- Continuing on the language learning & cultural acquisition for better strategy.
- Meeting with people on the ground in 5 countries that we serve.
- Expanding our role as area personnel director in a way which we can really be a blessing to those Kingdom Workers.
- After attending a conference in US and visiting supporting churches including Shandon.
- Accomplishing the first object of "unifying core" in people development project.
- Visit some of our fields so that I can understand what God is doing right now in those countries.

## Short-Term Missions Trips

### Adult mission trips:

- **Nicaragua: July 9-16, 2010**  
Potential ministries: children's ministry, medical, personal evangelism, adult discipleship, construction  
Estimated Cost: \$1,450 plus personal expenses
- **Pittsburgh: July 31-August 6, 2010**  
Potential ministries: basketball camp, evangelistic prayer-walking, block party  
Estimated Cost: \$450-500

**please attend an informational meeting on January 31 at 5pm or February 3 at 6:30pm in room B119.**

### College mission trip:

- Bratislava, Slovakia: June 29-July 10, 2010
- Informational Meeting: January 24 at 1pm in the gym
- Email [college@shandon.org](mailto:college@shandon.org) or call 782-1300 x105 for more information.

### High School mission trip:

- Nicaragua: July 2-10, 2010
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## PRAY, GIVE, GO!!

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Natl: Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, PA  
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