



June – July Update 2013

Dear Prayer Partners,

Thank you for your ministry of lifting us before the throne of God in intercessory prayer. Our local pastor is teaching on prayer this year. This has been a blessing to remind us of the importance, power and difficulty of an effective prayer life. Cheryl and I are thankful for the partnership you share with us in every way.

As I have been working with research and development with International Gospel Outreach, I am able to see how God is using many different people and ministries around the world. We are benefitting from these resources as we develop teaching modules for training church leaders and workers.

We recently received confirmation from two respected sources concerning our core values, intended audience and methods. In doing research and development it sometimes seems like we are "alone" but God continues to confirm that we are headed in the right direction. Please pray that we will be able to complete materials to take to India by September.

We have made several changes in our schedules the past few months. Cheryl has phased out of most of her outside ministries and her tutoring job. In fellowship with our mission leadership, we trust the Lord to have her partner more with the IGO ministry. We have also phased out of the ministry with "MKs and Friends" Friday evening youth group and youth Bible quizzing. While we were sad to give up these ministries, we are thrilled to have singular focus and increased momentum.

Africa: The African Teaching African's program is going ahead under all-African leadership. They look forward to continued outreach and updated curriculum. We praise the Lord for over 1700 leaders in training.

India: The survey trip to India was postponed until October as we did not have enough designated funds. Thank you for those who have provided the beginnings of the India journey. Our visa applications are in process. Time in India is vital! We will observe and interact with new and experienced pastors as well as see how IGO can benefit and strengthen the local churches in India who often lack trained leaders. We will also feel firsthand the challenges Indian church workers face. We are praying for India daily.

Financial Needs: We have several project needs as well as a need for increased monthly support. Our family has some medical and dental needs as well as vehicle maintenance that we have been putting off. We'd like to have savings so we can plan for health maintenance, upgrade vehicles and make more partnership trips to share the ministry of IGO. We are so thankful for God's provision through his people and have been able to pay all regular bills as well as have good food. We are asking the Lord for 50 new churches and 50 additional families or individuals who will commit to praying and giving monthly.

Ministry Projects include: \$1,000.00 for curriculum resources; \$7,000.00 India survey and ministry; \$700.00 office equipment.

Family: Alton & Rebekah are settled and doing well. PTL! Rebekah has a good full-time job and Alton works part-time while attending Trinity College of Florida. Karis is enjoying the nursing program at UCF, Daytona. Katelyn is saving to return to Daytona State College. Jessica returns to New Tribes Bible Institute in August. Kayla hopes to head to Haiti in the next couple of months. Bethany and Nathan will be in 3rd and 9th grades at the local public schools. Bethany may take some virtual school classes on the computer. Both are a bit nervous about changing schools.

Thank you for your fellowship as we serve the Lord together.

Because He lives,

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