



ChangePoints

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NEWS FROM THE SOURCE OF LIGHT INTERNATIONAL FIELDS

SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONS

• **ARGENTINA:** Director Jorge Ovando

PRAISES:

1. There were many activities for the children during the month of December. 200 children and parents accepted Christ.
2. There were also about 80 workers that worked with these children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. In February there will a training session for the 80 workers who helped with the activities during December.

Villar, 17



San Pedro, 17



Jonh XXIII, 37



Center of Lujan, 30



Pueblo Nuevo, 38



Lanuse, 49

• **BOLIVIA:** Director Miguel Sanchez

PRAISES:

1. In the prison ministry in Morros in Tarija, 6 new people were baptized and 35 accepted Christ.
2. New interest in the prison Mocobi in Trinidad.
3. 6 churches in the north, are taking SLM lessons to their churches.
4. Each of the workers who take SLM materials throughout the country.
5. For the new converts from Fronteira Baptist Church in Culpina.
6. For the success of the missionary trips that were taken during the year as many souls came to Christ and there were many baptisms.
7. For being useful in the work in Camargo and for the work the church is doing there.
8. For the staff.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. For the new discipleship centers in Santa Cruz and the prison ministry in Yacuiba.
2. For the radio ministry in Culpina.
3. For wisdom concerning the ministry.
4. For increased financial support for myself and for the DTB.
5. Pray for health.

• **BRAZIL: National Director of Brazil: Antonio Bibiano**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- 1) increased funding for the Brazil Branch;
- 2) a shipment of SLM lessons to arrive soon and safely in Brazil and all expenses to be paid.

• **CHILE: Directors Guillermo and Vicky Salazar**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Salazar's visit to their USA supporters in 2012 and a vehicle to do this deputation.

• **GUYANA: Director Winston Abel**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

A great need for regular monthly support.

• **MEXICO: Directors Manuel and Ruth Lopez**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. For John to receive a new contract at his job before December 22 when the old one runs out.
2. Funds to overhaul the church van.
3. Safety for traveling home from visiting in the USA.
4. Funds to come to the SLM Conference in September.
5. Pray that our personal van will hold up a little longer.
6. Continued growth in the school and well as new teachers and provisions.

PRAISES:

1. Increase in funding for the special needs school.
2. Acceptance as AMG missionaries.

• **PERU: Directors Pablo and Dalila Correa**

PRAISES:

1. For the meeting and planning sessions with the Board went very well in November.
2. For the 6 churches that were visited and salvation decisions that were made in November.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The increased interest in placing SLM materials online.
2. Needed support.

NORTH AMERICAN REGION

• **HEADQUARTERS: Dr. Bill Shade's itinerary:**

- Jan. 16 Speaking at Martin Luther King Day Celebration, Madison, GA
- Jan. 21 Meeting with Board of Latin Evangelical Outreach in Newark, NJ
- Jan. 22 Ministering in Churches in NJ
- Jan. 26 - 31 Jamaica for the Dedication of our newest DTB at Yardley Chase

• **PRE-FIELDERS AND SUPPORT NEEDS:**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our pre-fielders and those need support: Phil and Vera Winder, Stewart Overbey, Michael and Ruth Ventrello, David and Debbie Ingalsbe, Bryan and Heather Wilson, Bob McAllister, Tim and Debbie Whatley, Teresa Hubble, Melody Zink, B.J. Peer, John and Sally Hensley, the Thompsons.

- **ALTERNATIVE MEDIA: Director Ben Watson**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The 30 pastors that were trained to use the Papyrus players will train others to use them.
2. For the funding of 1000 more Papyrus players to Ethiopia next year.

- **MADISON DTB: Director Bob Hearing**

PRAISES:

1. 48 people who received Christ in December
2. New interest in the military ministry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Planning and preparations for the 2012 60th Anniversary and Field Conference.
2. Funds to promote SLM at conferences in 2012.

TESTIMONIES: *"Clearly the most important thing I have learned in this course is how God loves me and finds me important enough to make me a child of God. Not only that but I also got a better understanding of just what I have to look forward to – Heaven! Praise the Lord and I thank you all very much for your time getting these Bible studies together, sending them out, and grading them when they come back. God bless you and Merry Christmas."* – Sterlen (adult)

(This is a letter we received from a girl one month after she accepted Christ through the lessons.)
First of all thank you for the Bible. I read it all the time and when I was reading it, I found the Christmas story. Also in "The First Steps for Believers" slip, I read about all the things I need to do. Number 1 is Tell others about your salvation – I have happily told lots of people. Number 2 is Unite with a church – God did a big miracle and my whole family is going to church now. Number 3 is Believer's baptism – I just got baptized. Number 4 is Study God's Word – I have been studying the Bible you gave me. I feel so good to have a new life. Oh, and how many more lessons are there?
-Alisha (child) (She is in Explorers 1, so there are many more to go.)

- **ALABAMA BRANCH: Director Marjorie Hall**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Complete healing from all her eye surgeries.

PRAISES:

Fourth quarter sent 1,089 lessons, graded 871 issued 59 certificates and 2 salvations

- **ALASKA: Rose Nabinger**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Health and strength
2. Home Bible Studies and grading of the Bible lessons

- **CANADA: Directors Joe and Penny Homontowski**

PRAISES:

1. Traveling mercies over the Christmas break.
2. Last year there were 2,685 lessons graded and 187 certificates given.
3. 31 students earned Bibles with their names printed on them for turning in 10 names and addresses of friends and relatives who are interested in the Mailbox Club.
4. 8 professions of Faith in Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The new converts and their spiritual growth.
2. Their 3 sons and their families.
3. Penny's brother, Randy and sister-in-law, Angel
4. Added support.

- **DAVE AND ANNA GAY NEWELL (NGM):**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Anna Gay will have surgery on January 17 to remove a large nodule on her thyroid. Depending upon the Pathologist report the other nodules and the thyroid may be removed also.
2. For Dave as he is having trouble adjusting to not depth perception and no vision in his right eye.

- **HAITI: Directors Art and Becky Spalding**

PRAISES:

1. Increased interest with pastors in surrounding areas.
2. A couple who visited the church in La Rocher gave a gift to purchase Bibles for the people who have not had a Bible. 19 people received Bibles and 25 more people were put on a list to get one soon.
3. The Evangelistic Crusade in November was very successful with an attendance of 500 and on the final night 1800 people were standing in the fields listening. During that week 77 decisions were made for Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Double Harvest has 6 containers in port and some of these have lessons in them. Pray that these containers will get through customs soon. We are in need of more lessons.
2. According to Art the present status of his truck is: "you can drive me but not too far from home."
3. The safety of all those on the compound as the tent cities are being taken down and many people are being displaced. This a desperate situation as there are not enough places to live and money is hard to come by. This has resulted in many robberies and killings there.
4. The school in La Rocher and the many needs of the church there.

- **JAMAICA (KINGSTON): Director Mrs. Joy Webster**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Pray for God's direction for the future.
2. Health & strength

- **JAMAICA (MONTEGO BAY): Directors Don and Elaine Schiffer**

PRAISES:

1,610 students enrolled in their school ministry.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. All the arrangements that need to be made for the upcoming Dedication at the end of the month.
2. Co-worker Andrew's health concerns.

- **KANSAS BRANCH: Director Leon Scott**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The Bastows as they learn about the SLM ministry.
2. Upcoming meetings in March
3. 26th Anniversary on March 17, 2012
4. \$900 needed to go to Seattle, WA., for a missions conference
5. Family finances and son Jason's health and job for

- **NEW MEXICO: Directors Darryl and Joan Evans**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Their ministry in Niger from the first week in December until January, 2012.

EUROPEAN REGION

- **SLM EUROPE: Director Pavel Greucean**

PRAISES:

1. Statistical Report for the third quarter: Lessons sent – 12,896; Lessons graded – 1,482; Certificates awarded: 169; and Salvation Decisions: 84.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

2. Pavel asks prayer for his beehives to produce honey to sell next year.

- **ROMANIA: Director Cristian Oprea**

PRAISES:

1. 362 Bible lessons were sent in August and 4 decisions for Christ were made.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The publication into German of Practical Christian Living and Basic Bible Truths.
2. Pray that God will make this happen so a vibrant ministry in Germany can begin.

AFRICA REGION

• **CONGO: Directors Brian and Gwenda Trapp**

PRAISES:

Brian's health. His blood pressure is under control.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The ongoing political strife and unrest.
2. Their safety

• **ETHIOPIA: Directors Haile and Tsedale Tefera**

PRAISES:

The meetings in November with Alternative Media and the launching of the Papyrus Project.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The American school teachers who must renew their visas.

• **GHANA: Director Daniel Sappor**

PRAISES:

1. Many souls have been saved as a result of using the Bible Lessons.
2. Reached over 1850 new people through meetings, church planting and through the Bible course ministry. 374 people came to accept Christ.
3. \$15,000 came in from a church in the US for repairs of office vehicle, for the deputation trip and the Tefle School project.
4. Repayment of the loan received for the office in Tamale which reduced the deficit.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Endurance and persistence in fulfilling God's call for my life and my family.
2. Safety in travels and Gods care for the family and the children's education.
3. Added funds to clear the deficit.
4. Traveling to the US in 2012. He needs funds for air tickets and for doing deputation in the US. Also pray that new individuals and churches will partner with him.
5. Venture into income generating farming to raise funds to support the ministry. \$1500 is needed to start this.
6. The office in Tamale needs to be connected to electricity and water. Money is needed to get this done.
7. A new vehicle, Toyota 4WD Pick Up, is needed as well as a new School Bus.

• **IVORY COAST:**

PLEASE PRAY:

1. That God will raise someone to keep the ministry going in the Ivory Coast after the Home going of Johnson Bello.

• **KENYA: Director Mike Titus**

PRAISES:

1. For the growth in the ministry and the wonderful staff led by Timothy Kyuli.
2. Added donors to the work.

• **NIGERIA: Directors Sanya and Bosun Dosunmu**

PRAISES:

1. For His mercies, good health, provisions and sparing our lives.
2. For being able to roof the Church, put windows and railings.
3. For being able to conduct a Bible course at Shuaibu Village.
4. For expansion in some of our associate schools.
5. For nearly completing the translation of light from the Old Testament to Yoruba.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. For God's provision to be able to complete the Church building.
2. Provision of new pulpit in the Palace courtyard which was demolished on Christmas day by some children that were scrambling for the food we provided for them.
3. Good health to be able to spread the good news far and wide.
4. Provision of ticket money for the vision 2012 in Georgia.
5. Opening of new associate schools.

• **SOUTH AFRICA: Director Fanie Buys**

PRAISES:

For a successful first SLM Board meeting in November

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The SLM work to expand in the public schools in S. Africa

• **TOGO/BENIN: Director Sika Yawo**

PRAISES:

1. The government of Togo facilitated activities of SLM Togo in the prisons.
2. Many souls were saved this year, over 850.
3. SLM Togo has its own van.
4. The construction of the orphanage is nearly completed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Protection in 2012
2. Enough Bible courses to cover the 2012 activities
3. Financial support for the family and for at least 6 evangelists.
4. Funds needed to maintain the van.
5. The need to purchase land for Bethany Baptist church that was planted in Lome' and two in villages inside the country.
6. Funds to finish the orphanage and to sustain the operations.
7. Need to rent a new house for the family. " They gave us one month to find a new house. I am trying to negotiate a delay."

• **UGANDA: Director Aloni Mwisaka**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The new office of the Bible College to be finished by January 2012;
2. The students to begin studying in October 2012;
3. Funds for furniture and books for the library;
4. Many ministers of the Gospel to be effectively trained;



ASIA REGION

• **CHINA:**

PRAISES:

1. SLM Bible course expansion into more house church networks that serve several million people – pray for God to build His Church on a good doctrinal footing as a result and to provide the needed finances;
2. 10,000 copies of a bilingual Chinese-English version of "Who is Jesus Christ" that will be distributed over Christmas to non-believers over China – pray for a great harvest of souls;
3. The publication of UTL in Chinese this month and its effectiveness all over China – PTL!

• **INDONESIA: Director, Purwoko Arsito**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The start of a program to teach husbands and fathers in the villages with the SLM Bible courses and to establish house churches this way.
2. Improving relationships with other family members.

3. \$13,000 to complete Phase 1 of the DTB Training Center.
4. Pray for the Pastor's kids. They need to be reached so they do not go astray. There's a great need for this ministry.

Pastor's Children at Kaliurang January 2-4, 2012.

PRAISES:

1. Registration of SLM-Indonesia (SOLMINDO) with the Indonesian government.
2. Beginning construction of the SLM Training Center.
3. God's leading to use SLM materials to do church-planting among new converts.



• SLM-INDIA:

1. GREAT NEED for funds to re-print our SLM materials in 6 Indian languages represented by our 6 Zones;
2. safety and protection for our workers in the current climate of religious violence.

• SLM-BANGALORE: Director Hemanth Peter

PRAISES:

1. Added many new believers to His Kingdom - 11 believers are ready for baptism in our local Evangelical Baptist Church;
2. Mangala and Jayshree are two ladies who were delivered from demonic possession
3. SLM Bible lessons are being used in the Village churches and many have found the Lord through these lessons;
4. My wife, Asha's nephew Melvin (17) was saved on Nov 26

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Three more workers to handle the follow-up ministries and fund raising;
2. Pushpa, a Hindu convert, who is being tortured by her brother-in-law for her faith in Christ and for a loan that she had taken;
3. Our Dad, Solomon Peter, as he is not well and needs constant care. He needs medical help for the fall he had;
4. The printing of more Bible lessons in the Kannada language.

• SLM-CALCUTTA: Director Karunakar Jena

PRAISES:

1. Praise God for SLM (N.E Zone) Board meeting was held in Calcutta taking 6 members. They decided to appoint evangelist in Assam and in Calcutta, to increase the Children Clubs and SS teachers.
2. Praise God for P.Barua and his family got saved from a Buddhist back ground. Prabir barua was opposing to Christian faith. But his sister who was saved first in his family prayed for him. Now God spoke to him and his wife and children. They all put their faith in Jesus. They are studying our lessons. PTL
3. Praise the Lord for the **NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL** started at Birla More. The children are studying our Children courses. The sisters of our church are doing it. Many slum children are coming to the school to know the Lord.
4. Praise the Lord for some evangelists took about 450 Who is Jesus Christ book for distribution. They will give us report how God is using them.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. A man who can go to do the follow up work among the lessons students in Calcutta and West Bengal.

2. Us that we may be able to reach the Muslims schools.
3. A worker in Assam who can do our Bible lessons work and disciple making work.
4. The growth of the new fellowship groups and maturity of the new believers.
5. The 8 ADS Directors who are busy all the time. God may help them to get some assistants for this ADS work. That they may send us the report in time.
6. The Islampur church. Pray that God may bring peace and love among them and the unbelievers.
7. Hindu and Muslim children to be reached by the believing friends for Christ.
8. All India Conference which is going to be held in Calcutta in Jan. 10-13.
9. Our Dinajpur work to grow.
10. Please pray for 100 fellowship groups and 100 Children Clubs in the next 10 years.

• **SLM DELHI: Sanjeeb and Anita Sahu**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Protection and spirit filled ministry in 2012
2. Good health for all staff and their families.
3. Financial need for the year 2012
4. We may equip more people through Bible courses.
5. More church and fellowship group may be started in 2012
6. More children courses and adult courses may be printed.
7. Rohur Church and Nepal Church building to be expanded.

• **SLM-HYDERABAD: Director Dodla Wilson**

PRAISES:

1. God opened doors to take bible lessons into the Hindu dominated schools
2. Reached approximately 14 tribal villages in the forest of Andhra Pradesh.
3. For the faithful and truthful servants of God serving with me.
4. New families from Hindu and tribal background coming to saving Grace of the Lord.
5. New Bible study groups in High Schools and some Colleges.
6. Reaching the Koya, Gothi Koya, Kondareddy, Banjara, Erukula and Yanadi tribes.
7. For the new churches that are planted where no church exists.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. God's guidance in the sending out more lessons to the seekers.
2. Printing new courses in Telugu.
3. 12 church planters and their families that are working with SLM Central Zone.
4. the churches, bible study fellowships and new villages that are reached by us.
5. medical camps in tribal villages where there is a need of medical assistance to the people who are otherwise without any medical facility.
6. A Gospel van to reach the tribal villages, a laptop and LCD projector for ministry purpose in villages. (Pat is going to deliver these to him on this trip)
7. My family and travel mercies to the forest areas.

• **SLM – ORISSA: Director Samar Pradhan**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. That the Lord will help us to appoint field workers in Diptipur, Jeypore, Angul and Dhenkanal districts and other parts of Orissa to reach the unreached people.
2. The Lord will help us to raise local donors and by which we will be able to conduct training programs for the new believers.
3. To be able to print NL11 and PCL in Oriya language
4. The Lord will enable us to raise local lay leaders who will look after their own respective churches.
5. Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Orissa. In Konark area some believers are going through a lot of persecutions.
6. Pray that the lord will bring a great revival in Orissa.

• **SLM (TRIBAL WORK): Director Christudas Earla**

PRAISES:

1. New converts and new small groups and more groups using SLM literature;
2. A new vehicle

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Safety for my family while I am away in ministry and for my family's spiritual growth;
2. More children to be reached and more Children's Clubs established.
3. My mother after having surgery on her leg.

• **MYANMAR: Director Pastor Philip Thang**

PRAISES:

1. The Widow's Training went very well. PTL! I taught SLM courses and some accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.
2. For the upcoming dedication of the building in January.



• **PHILIPPINES (MAIN OFFICE) Director Dr. Luz Nacionales praises God for:**

PRAISES:

1. the translation work going on of new Bible courses into Filipino languages;
2. Home Bible studies which are a joy;
3. WWBI training led by Jireh Espinas that continues regularly.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. \$20,000 still need for the PhilSOL Building Fund.
2. Co-worker Sally Espinas asks prayer for postage, financial needs and spiritual growth for the new believers.

• **PASTOR ARTEMIO NACES (REGION 5) –**

PRAISES:

1. Protection and guidance
2. God's faithfulness in ministry
3. Healing of a severe cough due to Pneumonia
4. Recovery of brother Samuel.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Good health
2. Financial support
3. Computer and a new motorcycle.
4. More souls to save and more contacts for Bible study

• **NBP (REGION 4 – PASTOR RED/PASTOR JEFF) –**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Printer
2. Funds for PhilSol NBP staff \$100
3. Pastor Red's children educational expenses; tuition fees, misc and registration, school services and books for school year 2012-13
4. Personal support for Pastor Red.

• **PASTOR PAUL DIGNADICE (REGION 4-B PALAWAN)** – Pastor Paul writes: "We would like to thank PhilSOL for our partnership in providing lesson materials to our campus ministries and our children's ministry. **Praise God!** We have an average of 85 college students attending our small groups." In September 461 lessons were sent and 10 people were saved – PTL!

• **PASTOR PIO AND MERLIN DENIOLA (REGION 6, 7, 8) –**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Funds for a new house as theirs was completely destroyed by a tornado.

• **TINA HIDALGO (REGIONS 10, 11, 13):**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. More souls to be saved through our ministry and my personal involvement.
2. More discipleship center that will be established in 2012.
3. The opening of another tribal group, Mamanwa tribe located in Region 13, Caraga Region.
4. More funds to be generated for the operating expenses.

• **PASTOR CHARLIE NOTARTE (REGIONS 1&2):**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Good health and God's provision for the ministry.
2. The jail ministry
3. A vehicle for the ministry.
4. Son, Jezreel at Seminary and 2nd daughter job hunting to work as a Registered Nurse.
5. More open doors for the ministry.

• **PASTOR AND VIRGIE ESPINAS (REGION 9 AND 12):**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. More opportunities to share the gospel.
2. Protection and wisdom
3. Lot area to won for our house and PhilSOL office so that we will not rent anymore as the rent increases every year.
4. Church building and High School building (Hope Christian School of Bukidnon)
5. Additional arm chairs, books, computer set for School Ministry for the poor and needy kids.
6. Financial support for our 21 volunteer teachers and staff
7. Wisdom and provision for sons Joshua (graduating this March, and Associate Theology) and Aljan (3rd year High School).

• **JAPAN: Directors Takuji and Hiroko Yamazaki**

PRAISES:

1. Praise the Lord for the completion of translation of Best Friends 1 & 2; God's Word the Bible; and Light of the Old Testament.
2. For having a Board.
3. New supporter, Bethel Baptist Church in Iwatuki Japan
4. Starting a new church plant in Okazaki City.
5. Reached 1200 new people through the ministry for the year 2011 and 62 people accepted Christ. Also 1200 lessons were printed.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. A church planting ministry in Okazaki
2. Financial need
3. Printing new lessons. The need of paper, ink and the funds to do the printing.
4. More students.
5. More Associate schools
6. The plans to attend the 2012 60th Anniversary Conference.

• **KOREA:**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. Translation of Understanding True Love into Korean, and publication of Practical Christian Living for both South Korea (SK) and North Korea (NK);
2. SLM's partnership with a SK organization to supply their church planters in China with materials.

• **NORTH KOREA:**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. 1,000 copies of NK New Life 2 course to be published soon and delivered to train NK refugees and for them to take back into NK;
2. Increased prayer for our suffering brothers and sisters in NK.

- **SINGAPORE: Director Florence Lim**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

1. The Word of God to take root in the hearts for those who heard His Word on Dec. 10. And for those who are studying His Word via SLM Bible lessons.
2. Continuous wisdom and discernment in carrying out the work with the people of at Slum, especially the Street kids and those drug users.
3. Wisdom in decision about relocating as rent keeps rising.

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY!