

## Change Points (News from the Source of Light International Fields)

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“Christ in you, the hope of glory” is a familiar verse from Colossians 1:27, but also a wonderful reality. This verse is like a big shade tree under which we can rest as believers. It gives us the knowledge that we are not left to ourselves to live the Christian life, handle the demands of the ministry, and face the everyday trials of life. May your heart be strengthened today as you meditate on this great truth of Christ’s abiding Presence.

Your brothers and sisters at SLM-HQ ☺ ☺

### SOUTH AND CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONS

**(SUNDAY)...**

- ❑ **Argentina:** Give thanks with Director *Jorge Ovando* for: 1) the new ADS in Uruguay under the direction of Pastor Archie Perez – do pray the ministry will expand; 2) praise the Lord for this testimony: “One of our ADS in the north of our country, in the province of Salta, has no Internet connection. As a result, they cannot send reports every quarter, but they are working in the neighborhood. Because of their work, some people have taken the Bible courses and come to church.”
- ❑ **Bolivia:** Director *Miguel Sanchez* asks prayer for : 1) the repair of the truck which will cost \$1,000; 2) Miguel’s and his wife’s health: high blood pressure and arthritis; 3) his co-workers who minister in the prisons and in different areas with SLM: Jose Tirado, Rene, Rider Flores, David Zenteno, Roger Espinosa, Reinaldo
- ❑ **Brazil:** National Director of Brazil: *Antonio Bibiano* asks prayer for: 1) increased funding for the Brazil Branch; 2) his son to obtain a job in a bank; 3) a new church plant in Juazeiro do Norte-Ceara.
- ❑ **Chile:** Directors *Guillermo and Vicky Salazar* write: “Chile is going through a very sad time. On Sept 2, an airplane that was going to give assistance to an island destroyed by an earthquake/tsunami went down, and 21 people were killed. Please pray for the families because they are suffering a lot.” The Salazar’s also ask prayer for a Marriage Conference this weekend, and for the possible start of an Internet SLM school.
- ❑ **Guyana:** Give thanks with Director *Winston Abel* for a successful SLM Training Conference by SLM-HQ personnel from Aug 15-22. Ask God to build up the SLM ministry, and especially to provide the needed finances for the work.
- ❑ **Mexico:** Directors *Manuel and Ruth Lopez* praise God for 1) the start of the Deaf School with two new students; 2) a gift for Cristina’s salary; 3) a great closing VBS program (picture right). Please remember these requests before the Throne: 1) financial provision for the ministry; 2) son, John, to secure a permanent teaching position; and 3) more teachers for the Deaf School.



**(MONDAY)...**

- ❑ **Jamaica (South):** Pray for Director *Mrs. Joy Webster*. Pray for the SLM-Board as they seek God's direction and enablement for the future; pray for Joy's ongoing health issues.
- ❑ **Jamaica (North):** Do remember *Don and Elaine Schiffer* as they will be returning to the USA on **Sept 16** for business and health check ups and will return to Jamaica on **Oct 19**. Pray they can finish the office building before their school ministry starts – they now have over 1,000 students and need the space– PTL! Elaine writes: “Pray for my back. I am having a lot of trouble with it. I have had two back surgeries, and have really abused it over the last two years, lifting boxes and moving. It's been bad for a week.”
- ❑ **Haiti:** Give thanks for a successful SLM-HQ Training Conference for pastors and ADS Directors, and a Women's Seminar from August 8-12. The participants received teaching and counseling tools, as well as a medical kit for their families (see pictures below). Directors *Art and Becky Spalding* ask God for: 1) a vehicle to transport the lessons and more Bible lessons; 3) funding for co-worker, Claudy Jean-Baptiste.



- ❑ **Peru:** Directors *Pablo and Dalila Correa* request our prayers for: 1) \$800 to pay all the expenses to get their government papers in order; 2) funds to pay two office workers and to travel and do ministry; 3) funds to continue the TV and radio ministries and to supply materials to the prisons; 4) their health.

**NORTH AMERICAN REGION**

- ❑ Director *Bill Shade* appreciates our prayers for 1) complete clean up from the storm in July: the SLM sign and two houses were lost. One house has been purchased and will be moved in this coming month. The second is pending; 2) funds toward printing equipment and additional staff in the Print Shop; 3) more volunteers and additional funds for the renovation of the second floor; 4) a replacement for Bill's Administrative Assistant who is leaving to be married; and 5) wisdom for decisions in the upcoming SLM Board of Directors meetings on **Sept 12 and 13**.
- ❑ **Pre-fielders and Support Needs:** Please continue to pray for our pre-fielders and those needing support: *Phil and Vera Winder, Stewart Overbey, Michael and Ruth Ventrello, David and Debbie Ingalsbe, Bryan Wilson, John and Susan Cranmer, Bob McAllister, Tim and Debbie Whatley, Teresa Hubble, Suzaan Nair, Melody Zink, and John and Sally Hensley*.
- ❑ **Alabama Branch:** Please pray for *Marjorie Hall* who has lost a great deal of vision in her right eye; pray God will enable her to function with what she has. Pray for God to continue this fine work in Alabama.
- ❑ **Alternative Media:** Director *Ben Watson* asks prayer for 1) Braille ministry director, John Hemphill, who is recovering from heart surgery; 2) a secretary for the Alternative Media office; 3) funds to supply paper and to purchase the Papyrus players (solar-powered audio players).

**(TUESDAY)...**

- ❑ **Dave and Anna Gay Newell** (NGM): Continue to pray for: 1) full recovery of Dave's right shoulder that was operated on in April – it is doing well; 2) increased funds to complete the NGM camp buildings.
- ❑ **Kansas Branch** – Director **Leon Scott** praises the Lord that a new couple, the Bastows have joined them in the SLM-Kansas team and are learning the ministry.
- ❑ **Madison DTB:** Director **Bob Hearing** gives praise for 63 decisions for Christ in August, the highest total ever – PTL! Please pray for: 1) one more fulltime worker; 2) more revenue for the MDS.

**TESTIMONIES from Prisoners:**

“I'm very pleased to receive and complete these studies. They truly convict my heart, which makes me want to study and pray more. I praise all of you for helping me.”

“Thank you for the postage paid envelopes, and thank you wonderful people for helping me to grow spiritually. I could not do it without your generosity. I pray you ministry will continue to strengthen the lives of many.”

- ❑ **New Mexico:** Give thanks with Directors **Darryl and Joan Evans** for a busy website the last weekend in August: 38 people were enrolled in Bible studies: 31 from the USA, 4 from Ethiopia, 2 from Canada, and 1 from India. They also praise God for an increasing number of families that are signing up.  
**Testimony:** “When I was baptized by my pastor, I didn't really believe I had to go through Jesus to be saved. So, when I was locked up, I believed in Islamic teaching...everybody that was studying Islam seemed not to want to change, but I wanted to. I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour. I know that God, through Jesus Christ, saves sinners and I am a sinner that needs Jesus.” – Student
- ❑ **Canada:** Directors **Joe and Penny Homontowski** praise God for: 1) increased monthly support; 2) safety in travels as the winter season will soon be upon them in Canada.

**EUROPEAN REGION**

- ❑ **Romania:** Praise God with **Cristian Oprea** for 1) 362 Bible lessons sent in August and 4 salvation decisions - PTL! 2) this testimony from a prisoner who is a student: “Every lesson is nice and the teachings are so good to help us have a life in accordance with the Word of God. I have a question: I must serve 7 more months and I will be free. Can you direct me toward a church?” Ask God to speed the publication into German of Practical Christian Living and Basic Bible Truths. Please pray that God will complete these courses soon so a vibrant SLM ministry in Germany can begin.
- ❑ **SLM Europe:** Give thanks with Director **Pavel Greucean** 1) that his van has been fixed and God has supplied some other vehicles; 2) for the progress on the Bee Farm to generate income for the DTB; 3) for an outreach in Bologna, Italy with some Italian brethren that has resulted in 10 people coming to Christ already.

**(WEDNESDAY)****AFRICA REGION**

- ❑ **Congo:** Praise the Lord with **Directors Brian and Gwenda Trapp** that the Corn Mill grinder should be functioning this month; pray for it to generate needed income for the DTB. Also, please pray for the development of the two new ADS in southern Congo and Congo-Brazzaville, that many will come to Christ through the Bible lessons.
- ❑ **Ghana:** Director **Daniel Sappor** asks prayer for: 1) the opening of the Tefle school on **Sept 5**, and further renovation of the damaged building that needs to occur; 2) their Quarterly Prayer Retreat on **Sept 10**; 3) Teacher workshops and training on **Sept 16 and 17**. Also, please pray for the SLM Board and ministry staff to be involved in raising funds in-country to clear the large deficit.

- ❑ **Ivory Coast:** Director *Johnson Bello* reports that the new SLM Office in the southeast is in operation. Praise God for \$250 received to prepare a room for SLM lesson storage. Do pray for 1) support for his co-worker, Emmanuel, and his family to remain with SLM; 2) Johnson's health problems due to full-body swelling which began last year after a dose of poison was given him.
- ❑ **Kenya: East Africa Director, Jack Stiles,** asks prayer for healing after carpal tunnel surgery on his left wrist and hand (the good one he uses to walk with after his brain injury last year). *Mike Titus* reports that a recent trip to Ethiopia and Kenya was very successful.
- ❑ National Director, *Timothy Kyuli,* requests prayer for: 1) four new workers hired (praise God!): Johnson, Shadrach, Venant, and Owiti; 2) Kenya's food shortages, the increasing problem with illegal drug use, and increased crime; 3) strength and wisdom to raise his deceased brother's children as well as his own.  
**TESTIMONY:** "SLM is addressing my vision in my heart to save this generation from this evil world. Your materials enable people to have a strong relationship with God... Your training reminded us of what the church forgot, developing devoted disciples and well-equipped leaders." - Pastors
- ❑ **Nigeria:** Praise God with *Sanya and Bosun Dosunmu* for 1) continued progress on the new church building behind the Owu palace; this will be the first church building in this pagan area in 177 years; 2) for a celebration on July 4 of five years on the throne for Sanya. Pray for: 1) daily grace and strength to shine as God's Light in the palace; and 2) salvation of the pagan people around them; 3) \$71,500 to complete the building.

**(THURSDAY)...**

- ❑ **South Africa:** Director *Fanie Buys* appreciates your prayers as he expands the ministry. Pray also for the new SLM Board as they plan for this coming year's ministry
- ❑ **Ethiopia:** Praise God with Directors *Haile and Tsedale Tefera* that their container from the USA arrived in the country of Djibouti; now pray that the contents will be secured efficiently and with minimal cost. Do uphold 1) the American teachers and their families who arrived in August – pray they adjust to a new and different culture; 2) the need for funds for 1,000 Bibles in the Oromo language.
- ❑ **Togo/Benin:** Director *Sika Yawo* is praising God for: 1) funds received for a van for the ministry – PTL! Please pray that, when purchased, it will not be stolen or damaged; 2) a successful VBS the last week in August.
- ❑ **Uganda:** Praise the Lord with Director *Aloni Mwisaka* for 1) progress on the construction of the Bible College (see pictures below); 2) a successful Youth Conference in August;

**ASIA REGION**

- ❑ **INDONESIA:** Director, *Purwoko Arsito* praises God for 1) funds to print 300 sets of New Life 1 and 200 sets of the Practical Christian Living course; 2) a new ADS established in Malang City. Beseech God for: 1) staff with computer and English skills, who are dedicated to the SLM work; 2) personal support for Purwoko and family; 3) funds for the first All-Indonesia SLM Conference in October which will bring together ADS Directors and Board members from various places.

- ❑ **China:** Give thanks for the successful use of the Christian Marriage and Family course in seven places, and the use of the Understanding True Love course in a summer camp for youth. Pray for God’s direction as SLM is introducing its Bible courses to several large networks of churches. Pray for funds to supply this multitude of Chinese people with Biblically based and Christ-centered literature.
- ❑ **SLM-INDIA:** Continue to pray that at least one soul would come to faith through each “Who is Jesus Christ?” booklet distributed in the Kannada, Oriya, and Telugu languages this month. Please remember the: 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:** Praise God with Director *Hemanth Peter* for excellent meetings recently in which the “Who is Jesus Christ?” booklet in Kannada was distributed; one woman who attended was demon-possessed. When confronted, the demons were seven in number and departed. Later, this woman came to the church, received salvation, and is faithful in attendance.
- ❑ **SLM-Calcutta:** Director *Karunakar Jena* writes: “Many people are hungry for the Word of God, but we see the lack of dedicated workers. We need to train workers and use them for His kingdom. There are thousands of children who are less privileged. We want to start Children’s Bible Clubs among them, but we need houses and teachers. People are without hope, peace, and without God in their lives. We want to reach them with the Gospel. We want to reach the whole of West Bengal and our goal is to plant 100 house churches in all the districts of W. Bengal and Assam states.” Specifically, please pray for: 1) one new worker for Assam and four new workers for W. Bengal; 2) the Muslim believers to be bold in their faith; 3) 100 house churches to be planted; 4) our new School Outreach Program – workers are going to the schools during the opening and closing times to share the Gospel and distribute tracts. Many students are interested in the Gospel.
- ❑ **SLM (Tribal work):** Director *Christudas Earla* asks God for: 1) spiritual growth for the new converts; 2) faithful people to continue the spiritual work; 3) financial support for 25 church planters; 4) \$10,000 still needed for our vehicle project; 5) protection and good health for all our workers and their families.

**(FRIDAY)**

- ❑ **SLM-Hyderabad:** Director *Dodla Wilson* reports a very fruitful trip to various villages in the Koya and Konda tribes with new fellowship groups started and a good response to the Gospel. He also reports that the booklet, “Who is Jesus Christ?” in the Telugu language is completed and will be used extensively for evangelism.”
- ❑ **SLM Delhi:** Give thanks with *Sanjeeb and Anita Sahu* for 1) successful meetings and baptism in Madhoni and Butti villages in Himachal Pradesh state (pictures below); 2) that the Bible lessons are reaching out to many unbelievers. Beseech God for: 1) increased funding for the DTB; 2) healing for evangelist Om Prakash’s wife who has been very ill with an apparent stomach tumor.

**TESTIMONY:**

“Chote Lal was a keep worshipper of idols. He used to go regularly to the temple and worship there. He, along with Poonam, Deepak, and Neeraj have come to know Christ by reading the “Who is Jesus Christ?” booklet in Hindi and three of them have taken baptism. All four are attending church – Praise God!”

- ❑ **SLM (Orissa state):** Director *Samar Pradhan* writes: “We visited three Children’s Homes recently and distributed the “Who is Jesus Christ?” booklet in Oriya. All of them were very glad to receive the lesson. In one home, most of the children are from a Hindu background. We shared the Gospel and most of them committed their lives to Jesus. Pray that the booklet will bring a great change in their lives” (pictures below). Also, please pray for: 1) some Muslim people who have dedicated their lives to Jesus after viewing the Jesus Film; 2) more staff workers for our ministry in Orissa; 3) safety and protection for Christians in Orissa where there is much violence.



- ❑ **Korea:** Please pray for: 1) wisdom for the leadership of SLM-Korea; 2) increased distribution of the SLM courses; 3) translation of Understanding True Love into Korean.
- ❑ **North Korea: PRAISE GOD** that 2,000 copies of the New Life 1 course have safely arrived in the right hands to be used for training NK escapees. Ask God for His supernatural grace and strength alone which can sustain them as they return to NK.
- ❑ **Myanmar:** Director *Pastor Philip Thang* praises God for: 1) 95 widows who attended a special “Widows Conference” at his church and were taught from the Burmese New Life in Christ course. Five received Christ as Saviour! 2) the start of translation of Understanding True Love into Burmese. Please pray for: 1) the completion of the translation and formatting of UTL; 2) funds to print more SLM courses in Burmese.
- ❑ **Japan:** Directors *Takuji and Hiroko Yamazaki* report great results from their August trip (pictures below – Takuji on far right) to the displaced people of NE Japan: “We did house-to-house visitation (taking relief supplies and Bibles and SLM literature). If we did the same visit in our city, Toyohashi, provably 90% of the people would refuse our materials. Here in Fukushima, 95% of them received our packages; they even shared how they were saved during the tsunami and some told me that their sons or daughters and grandparents were swallowed up by the tsunami. We already received one request to start our Bible lessons. It is a good sign for this ministry.” They ask prayer for 1) salvation of souls and 2) a new church that is being planted in the city of Okazaki by Takuji and colleague, T. Yorita.



**(SATURDAY)...**

- ❑ **Philippines (Main Office)** Director **Dr. Luz Nacionales** praises God for the translation work going on of new Bible courses into Filipino languages, Tagalog and Ilocano, by Sally Espinas, Mrs. Bayog, and Mrs. Alfonso and Lucy (picture to right – Lucy is seated at the desk). Pray more local language materials will be available soon. Also, please pray for 1) the immediate need of \$6,000 for a new vehicle for the Main Office ministry and for God's provision of another \$20,000 for the PhilSOL Building Fund
  - ❑ **NBP (Region 4 – Pastor Red/Pastor Jeff) – Pastor Red** praises God for: 1) in August, 5813 lessons were distributed and 25 salvation decisions recorded – PTL! 2) the ongoing feeding program and prayer and counseling services for prisoners, the NBP Theological and Training School; 3) more classrooms and teachers for the Theological School; 4) personal support for Pastor Red's family.
  - ❑ **Pastor Paul Dignadice (Region 4-B Palawan)** – Pray for more church seminars to promote the Bible lessons, and for new churches to be planted in his region; also pray for a new daughter church plant in Manila.
  - ❑ **Pastor Artemio Naces (Region 5)** – Give thanks with **Artemio** for a parenting seminar just completed where participants gained new knowledge and principles for effective parenting. Do pray for 1) the salvation of more students; 2) the ongoing Bible studies at the jails and among military personnel; 3) need for a computer and a motorcycle.
  - ❑ **Pastor Pio and Merlin Deniola (Region 6,7, 8)** – The Deniolas praise God for: 1) the Bacolod Jail Bible School extension, and work in the Juvenile and Women's Correctional institutions; and 2) an additional distributor in Binalbagan. Please pray for: 1) repair of the PhilSOL office and bookshelves: \$300; 3) comfort for Merlin on the death of her sister-in-law.
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- ❑ **Tina Hidalgo (Regions 10, 11, 13):** Give thanks with Tina 1) for God's faithfulness in providing our monthly operating expenses and good health; 2) for protection from harm and danger in the midst of calamities, and 3) for finally starting our Satellite office in Davao. Please pray for travel funds to visit Region 13 next month.
  - ❑ **Pastor Charlie Notarte (Regions 1&2):** Charlie writes: "I have asked the Lord to open opportunities for me to move around the Fundamental Baptist Churches and encourage them to use the PhilSOL materials. Especially for our just launched: "VISION: 2020." This was a brain-child of our past council, a church-planting program to have 200 churches by 2020. (Currently we have 87 churches). I challenged each church to plant another church in the next 5 years. Please pray with us."
  - ❑ **Pastor and Virgie Espinas (Region 9 and 12):** Praise God for this good report from their associate, Pastor and Mrs. Ben Bajan: "Praise God for the door of opportunity for spreading God's Word through the radio program and the SLM materials. We have even been reaching Muslim communities. Our materials are used in the public schools for religious instruction which results in the salvation of students."
  - ❑ **Singapore:** Director **Florence Lim** praises God for 1) funds that came in to meet urgent office needs and for "Hope for the Poor Project" in the Philippines; 2) her safe arrival back in Singapore from a trip to New Zealand. She requests prayer for: 1) fatigue and illness she is experiencing from the trip and large Missions Conference just completed in Singapore; 2) preparation for the upcoming Executive Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting the first week in October – officers, document processing, good attendance; 3) wisdom to handle the challenges of the ministry: fundraising, partnerships, and office work