



News From The Hollingers



For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 3:11 ESV

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Dear Friends,

We are again enjoying summer in North Carolina. It is an interesting time for us as a family and as a ministry. Thanks for reading through what is happening in our little corner of the world.

Ministry

This letter I'll go into a few more details about the Foundations for Farming ministry. Brian Oldreive is the founder of Foundations for Farming. Years ago his farming in Zimbabwe was failing and falling into bankruptcy. He asked God to reveal a way for him to get out of the predicament in which he found himself. God began to reveal to Brian that in natural creation there is no deep soil inversion and that a thick 'blanket' of fallen leaves and grass covers the surface of the soil. This led him to research how he could apply these ways of nature to his farming. In addition and more importantly, FFF is based on a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and basing one's life and farming on the foundations found in God's Word. The two are inseparable.



Pastor Elias of Livingstone, Zambia, holding peanuts. This is located on the church property.

Their radio program contains as much Bible teaching as it does principles on farming. A family that typically employs the Foundations for Farming practices can anticipate a tenfold increase in their crop output. This can allow them to not only feed their family but also sell the surplus and FFF anticipates the farmer will also give to others out of the bounty of what they have grown. Does it work? Yes, it does. I have seen firsthand the amazing crop yields of a small plot of land at a church in Zambia.

The program we are working on is a pilot drama program for children and based on the principles of FFF. As I have shared in earlier letters, many children are either orphaned or having to help provide

for their family due to the parents passing away or dealing with life-ending illness such as HIV. This program using exciting drama sequences will teach children how to farm. It involves the voices of actors in Zimbabwe, South Africa, and the U.S. Please continue to pray for this project. The goal for this drama series is to air in Zimbabwe and also be widely distributed throughout the continent. The pilot will be shared throughout the U.S. to encourage churches and individuals to pray and financially support this program series for children.



With Victoria Marsh who portrays the character, Dova in the pilot program.

Joseph of Malawi had this to say about Foundations for Farming:

"When I first started with Farming God's Way, my maize yield increased from 6 bags to 70 bags in one season. I was able to use the skills I have learned through Foundations for Farming to build relationships in a new community where many people have been saved and disciplined."



Speaking Hope to the World



Candide and Isaiah, members of a local Congolese church, help in voicing two of the characters in the pilot program. Let's just say we had a lot of fun in the recording sessions.

Unathi Sithole is our narrator for the program. She is an announcer with TWR Africa and does a great job engaging our listeners each day.



Ministry Services

Just last month we wrote about Naren's role in Ministry Services and the large volume of mail that had been sent out by TWR. However, changes are occurring in this part of the ministry. Many listeners now prefer to download items such as audio programs and also notes and outlines that a number of broadcasters offer on their programs. In addition, many would prefer not to receive brochures in the mail. Instead they would rather receive an email with the option to download and print material or respond directly through a website. This has decreased the volume of mail sent. This has meant Naren's hours have been cut in half. While this is disappointing, we understand and appreciate that more funds can go to ministry rather than printing material or duplicating audio CD's. Pray for Naren as she adjusts to the reduced hours in her job.

Family

We are all doing well. Chris has returned from deployment and is definitely glad to be back. We do ask for prayer for him for safety and wisdom in his work. He has also been dating a young lady so we would also ask prayer for them and their relationship.

Tim is recovering well from his knee surgery to repair his torn ACL. Continue to pray for his continuing recovery.

As always, we want to thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry with TWR. I am constantly amazed at how God continues to grow and provide new opportunities for the ministry. Keep praying with us!

Blessings,

Scott and Marvin



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