



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 Friend,

I've probably said this every year I have written a letter to you at Christmas time, but we love Christmas! Majestic Christmas carols, time with family, Christmas cantatas, sweets & treats and Cheesy holiday movies all combine to make great memories. This year, of course, could be more challenging for many of us with the restrictions that may exist due to COVID-19. Those same restrictions exist for many of our listeners and that means our radio programming is even more important as we share the good news of Jesus during this season.

Ministry

We've shared in the past that Naren assists the Spanish department in sending out items that listeners have requested. Here is a phone conversation that Megan had with a listener to our Spanish ministry:

Guillermina was born and raised in a small community in the Dominican Republic. She began listening to ATB(Thru the Bible) when she was 18 . She's now 58 years old and has been living in New York with her son. When she first moved there she found ATB on the radio and cried when she heard it. It took her back to her days of living in her Dominican community with her mom. She continues to listen to the program with her family and she called this morning to order some ATB books that she's going to share with her neighbors.

For English, much of my work is now global. What does this mean? We are looking at ways to expand what we do in English. 1.1 billion people globally speak English. However 73% of that number speak English as their second language. Yet many have a desire to listen to English or watch programming such as movies and TV shows in English. Your prayers will be appreciated as we research how to best provide programming to such a large and diverse audience.

The COVID pandemic has curtailed much of what we took for granted. One area that COVID has really curtailed is travel. This has caused us to meet remotely using video conferencing technology. Just this past week, I viewed devotions and met with three other people about Membercare Media programming. Two were in Europe and the third was here in the U.S. I also discussed the *Foundations For Farming* program with the producer in Malawi, talked with our TWR Africa English Director in Johannesburg, South Africa, discussed English strategy with my director, Jon Fugler and our consultant in Germany and recorded a Christmas program with guest host Stacy Rose. For each of those meetings we used Zoom or Microsoft Teams to communicate. While it is great to have this capability, I find I miss meeting face to face with each. Pray that as we have these meetings our communication will be clear and open with no misunderstandings.



Naren with part of the follow-up team of the RTM Spanish Ministry: Megan Dionne and Carol Chiappetta

Family

It looked as though Naren and I would be spending Christmas alone this year but instead, Tim will be home with us. Due to tighter restrictions on travel in France, Tim decided to come home during his semester break. We look forward to having him home.

Due to COVID we were unable to travel for my Hollar family reunion and the making of apple butter. However, the wild muscadine grapes in our back yard produced fairly well this year. So we collected the grapes and made 7 pints of jelly. We had never tasted muscadine jelly before. It is somewhat like concord grape jelly but has a deeper, richer taste if you can believe it.



Muscadine grape jelly, simply delicious!



Chris was able to visit us over his birthday in September. He brought a surprise guest, his 55 lb. puppy, Teddy. Teddy is a Labrador Retriever and at 7 months seems way larger but also more well behaved than he should.



Prayer Requests

Scott & Naren — For wisdom in our ministry roles.

Family – Continued good health that we will continue to be open to God's leading in our lives.

Chris – For safety during this deployment.

Tim – As he studies and lives in France.

As we close this letter, our prayer is that you will be able to spend time with family and friends this Christmas and that God will bless you as you enter the new year. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our ministry.

Blessings,

Scott and Naren



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