

Global Tracks

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“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows . . .
by His stripes we are healed.” Isaiah 53: 4-5—read stories below

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

2011 has been a great, but busy, year for us. Scott really *nailed* his first semester of college with 19 credit hours. Mark has all the customers he can handle in his filming/editing business. Brent is happily married and both are employed. More and more linguists use and promote the computer programs Marlon helps produce. One was successfully demonstrated at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. <http://www.sil.org/sil/news/2011/flex-110th-aaa-meeting.htm> has the report.

Denise made three teaching trips to S. Asia this year.

This time the team taught *Healing the Wounds of Trauma*.” What a timely course! Two days before we finished, 24 newly baptized (MBBs) believers were arrested, 2 of whom were parishioners of a pastor in this picture. They are all released on bail, but some of them were mistreated, and all face court trials for trusting Christ.



Following are short stories of other people in this picture (second week group):

◇ One pastor has had nearly every bone in his body broken at one time or another, by militants of different religions. Yet he still ministers in his area, and people continue to trust Christ. ◇ A woman’s husband died last year. With no one to take his place as pastor, she has! She says she can do it because of the training she’s received in our courses (Thank you Jesus!). ◇ A woman has been told she will never have children due to miscarriages (please pray for a miracle for her). ◇ A woman had pain in her face and headaches for years, but was healed last February when we prayed for her. ◇ A man has a blood disease (age 30) and we don’t know how long he will live. His wife was given to him in an arranged marriage not knowing this problem. All her life she wanted to be a nurse, but now cannot become one. ◇ A pastor had a deep heart wound he carried for 22 yrs., about which he told no one. He was freed at this training. ◇ A pastor came thinking there was nothing he needed, but by the end of the week, he wept at the inner freedom Christ gave him. ◇ A pastor has been blamed for difficulties in the non-Christian area where he lives. He forgave, and found freedom and peace and says he’ll pray for those who continue to slander him. ◇ A woman loaned much needed money to a parishioner, who now won’t pay it back. ◇ A pastor lost sight in one eye. He was to have surgery the week of training, but decided that taking the training was more important (would you or I!?) ◇ A father always blamed this son for difficulties, and loved his other son, although this one became a pastor.

All the families in the picture live on about \$100/mo. What amazing people. What a privilege to serve them by sharing deep heart healing that only Jesus can bring. Amen.

We trained these people *to train others*. So *Healing the Wounds of Trauma* will be shared by these people, in places we cannot go, with Christians and non-Christians also, all over this area in S Asia.

Recently Brent and Jessica walked into our house catching Marlon totally unaware. What a surprise! (16 hr. drive from Chicago!) If only the camera could have caught our hearts...

...french toast breakfast with Denise's folks and two of Scott's friends.



Prayer/Praises

- We praise God for each of you. Believe us, we do **not** take for granted any prayer or financial support you provide, especially these days. We marvel when we continue to see God provide for us through you. Who are we to be allowed to continue to minister as we do?! We're so blessed to have you.
- We praise God for what He is doing through the ministries He has given both of us, and the significant 'leverage' our roles have to affect many Bible-less or untrained people.
- Next fall Denise will head up a team in S Asia. for a marriage course for 30 couples from the same church-planting group. The teaching team is now tweaking material (please pray about this!) to make it appropriate for those we teach. Please pray that the Lord will lead us clearly to include what He wants taught, and who should be part of the team. Please pray it will transform marriages and families throughout S Asia. We are significantly concerned that this course honors God and is culturally appropriate.
- Marlon's youngest sister will marry on January 8, so we will go to Northern MN for Christmas-in-January. Scott works until after Christmas anyway. Please pray our 1999 model car will run well in the cold, and for safe travel in winter weather.

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