

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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"Let thine eyes be on the field that they reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Greetings once again to our friends and co-laborers in the spreading of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We arrived back in the U.S. from Italy in the middle of January. After having been out of the country for several months there were many things that claimed our attention by way of catching up. Now we are preparing to leave again in May to return to Majuro in the Marshall Islands for several months.

Majuro Baptist Christian Academy, which we began in 1999, will be having its first high school graduation. They have asked us to come and to speak at their first commencement. It just doesn't seem possible! When we left the church and school in the hands of Pastor Helmer Lang in 2003, they asked us if we would ever come back to visit. We told them that if we were living and the school continued through the 12th grade we would aim to be back for their first graduation. That seemed so far away at that time and so uncertain – and now it is at hand. From its beginning with fourteen students to its present enrollment of over 300, God has blessed. As it was said when Nehemiah and his compatriots completed the building of the walls of Jerusalem, "... this work was wrought of our God" (Nehemiah 6:16). All glory to Him! We also plan to stay through summer school to relieve Brandon and Jackie Buck who are now in charge of the school so they can return to the U.S. for a short furlough. They have been on the field since 2009. They have labored faithfully and hard and the Lord has blessed their labors. Two special requests in prayer for that work are urgent needs for more qualified teachers and additional support for the Bucks. Please pray!! We look forward to seeing our people in the Marshalls again.

On a different front, we want to bring you up to date on the ministry in Italy at Vicenza Baptist Church. We referred in brief to various facets of the work in our last letter. While cultures vary from field to field some things never seem to change – especially the need for Biblical preaching and teaching and the need to be personally concerned with the people whom the Lord has given us to shepherd. Even though it was but for a short time, we found people and families who "opened up" to us with burdens in their own lives. Some also had questions about the interpretation of Scripture and how the Word of God is applied in the believer's daily life. One question in particular concerned the effect of the finished work of Christ on the believer, so that even though he sins after being saved (and sin must be paid for) Romans 8:1 states, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." One came later and said, "I've always heard it, but I've never understood it until now." Another said, "Now my questions are answered."

At Vicenza Baptist Church people were very friendly and receptive, and we met numbers of folks who, as Brother Kim said in Korea a couple of years ago at the airport in Busan, "We will meet again." One of the great blessings of going to different fields is meeting those of "like precious faith with us" with whom we shall share eternity.

We have just returned from meetings in North Carolina and in the next few weeks we expect to be in eastern North Carolina and in New York for meetings.

As always, thank you all so much for standing with us in the cause of spreading the Word of God "to the regions beyond." We anticipate our next quarterly letter to come to you from Majuro.

His and yours for the harvest,

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