

## **SEPTEMBER LETTER**

September 4, 2013

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

As we come to the end of summer and look into the change of seasons, it is time to look at the shifting of itinerary for the Clines. In our last report (June, 2013) we spoke of our plans to visit some of the colleges during the fall semester. But then the checkerboard came out. A missionary couple in Aruba, Danny and Gail Alford, have had to return to the States because of medical conditions that necessitated evaluation and treatment. Our director asked us if we could relieve the Alford's. By the time many of you read this we expect to be in Aruba serving the Good News Baptist Church.

Aruba is a self-governing region of the Kingdom of the Netherlands about twenty miles off the coast of Venezuela. Different sources have stated that Roman Catholicism is the religion of 75% - 82% of the population. The official language is Dutch, but other languages much used are English and Papiamentu (a Creole language). Apparently, some in the church also speak Spanish and need an interpreter. This should provide for a challenging experience. I expect to be teaching the adult Sunday School, preaching the morning and evening services, and the Wednesday mid-week service. Other responsibilities and opportunities for both of us will become clearer after we arrive.

In June, we were in Ocala, Florida, for our annual meeting with our mission board. In July we represented W.W.N.T.B.M. at the Sword of the Lord Conference in North Carolina. This gave us the opportunity to meet more Christian Bible colleges and re-connect with some we hadn't seen in quite a while. We were also able to make our Mission Board known to those not previously familiar with ways in which we can help churches with their missions programs.

In August, during the week of the Rockingham Country Fair, we helped with the Creation Booth sponsored by Grace Baptist Church and the Creation Ministry of Answers in Genesis with Ken Ham. We had the opportunity to meet many people, both adults and young people, and talk with them about the Biblical account of creation and the wealth of evidence available in favor of the Biblical record as opposed to evolution. Many are surprised to find that there are many men of science who recognize that for "all the hoopla" evolution is only a theory which is impossible to prove. One young man who spent much time at the booth admitted that no one had ever observed macroevolution, nor had any one ever repeated it. Yet he clung to his belief in "random change"/"chance" in origins which he called science. I told him that if no one had ever seen it happen and no one could repeat it, that was not science. He was not in the realm of science but of religious faith and his god was named - CHANCE. I don't think he cared for that but he had no answer. Others to whom we talked were encouraged to know their confidence in the Word of God is not in vain. Of course some ridiculed God and creationism. It reminds me a lot of Paul's experience in Athens in Acts 17:15-34.

Once again, "Thank you" for your prayers and support for us and the ministry of God's Word around the world. What a blessing you are! May God bless you all.

His and yours for the harvest,  
*Stanley and Marvinne Cline*