

SERVING WITH THE SHEAS

SERVING WITH SIM, TEN3, & HCJB GLOBAL

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In the Land of Goshen

"...let your servants dwell in the land of Goshen." Genesis 47:4

Greetings from the land of Goshen, Indiana! For the last several months, the Lord has provided us with a small but newly renovated basement apartment in a home actually located on an "island" with a canal on one side and a river on the other. We're surrounded by lovely wooded walking trails, deer, and numerous kinds of birds and other wildlife, even though it is within city limits. As we raise support and save money to renovate a house to live in in Liberia, I often think while walking along those trails that the Lord is showing us he can provide for us better than we can provide for ourselves.

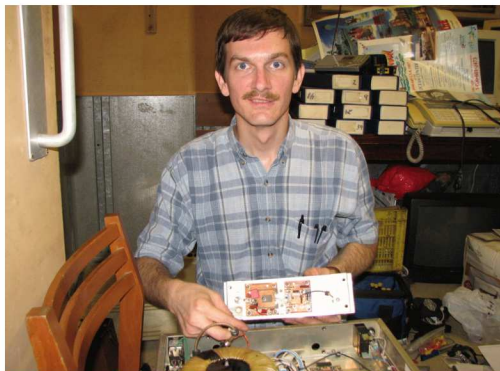
We are grateful to the Enyearts, who have shared this apartment with several missionary families over the years.

Alan continues working with mission radio projects while he is on loan to the HCJB Global Technology Center in nearby Elkhart. In April he spent several days in Belize, Central

America, assisting a small station in getting back on the air, and parts of May & June in Liberia, working with the ELWA campus' electrical system and improving their Internet service.

A Little about HCJB
The HCJB Global Technology Center offers resources and services to partner ministries

in more than 120 languages and dialects in over 100 countries. The Technology Center plays a vital role in research, development, consultation and support for Christian radio stations worldwide. Some of the products developed there have become commercial successes, like the Crown Broadcast FM-series transmitters, while others have remained a specialty for Christian radio, such as the TB1000, 1000-watt shortwave transmitters, or the fix-tuned and solar-powered Sonset® Radios. Alan has started working with



Destiny Belize needed a replacement antenna as well as assistance getting their 2000-watt FM transmitter on the air for the first time. They now have much better coverage and have had an enthusiastic response to their broadcasts – surprisingly including "Low German" programs for the nearby Amish communities!

the new Broadcast Services department, which provides consultation and technical support for partner ministries – like Radio ELWA, while keeping a foot in the Digital Radio Mondiale developments (FM-quality digital audio via shortwave radio).

Once Again in Liberia

During the four-week follow-up trip Alan took to Liberia, one major project he worked on was improving ELWA's internet access. The world has come to the point where almost no business can operate without access to email and the internet, and this is all the more true in Liberia. As Liberia rebuilds from civil war, internet access is a crucial resource for

communication, information, and even training. A wireless "network bridge" from a nearby Christian-owned internet café to the ELWA campus, partially funded by gifts to HCJB Global, provides a significant improvement to ELWA's internet capabilities. This improved internet access will also allow Alan to remotely access the InteliGen control system that he installed on two of the campus generators last fall for further programing and monitoring.

Multiplying in the Land of Goshen

During Alan's absences I continued in a part-time position teaching adult English as a Second Language classes four evenings each week, as well as the curriculum development project called TEN3 (Transformational Education Network, discipling to the third generation). I'm currently working on biblical worldview course outlining and recently wrote material for a seminar on worldview at a TEN3 conference in Burkina Faso, West Africa, taking place in July and August. The conference is for African Christian leaders who are interested in starting Christian colleges in West Africa.

While I was originally supposed to present the seminar myself, we are actually thrilled about the reason I was unable to travel to Burkina Faso: We are expecting our first baby the first week of November. We



Installing wireless bridge antennas.



Baby Shea says Hi!

praise the Lord for the new little life he is blessing us with!

We have been traveling this summer visiting supporters and sharing at the ELWA Missionaries' Reunion in Atlanta, Georgia, at a church in Indiana, and in Houghton, New York. If you know of other homes or churches we could share about our ministry in, please let us know.

While we have been blessed with several one-time gifts, our greatest need is for regular commitments to our support. This will provide the regular salary we need to live here, allowing Cheri to stay home with the baby instead of teaching part time, and then to live overseas. We still plan to move to Liberia by the end of 2009. Right now our monthly support averages \$2,300 and our requirement to move overseas is \$4,100 per month. We know the Lord is able to supply this—and usually does so through small, faithful gifts. We are very thankful for those who are supporting and praying for us! Would you prayerfully consider joining them? We can send further information about supporting us financially or how our support is allocated if you want to know more.

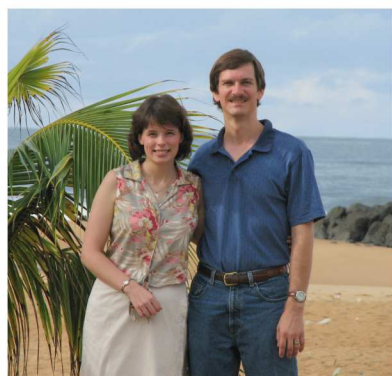


ELWA MKs – some meeting for the very first time; but it still felt like “a taste of home”. We were encouraged by the enthusiastic response to our plans to return to Liberia.

Email updates are our most frequent form of communication, please write to alancheri@shea.net if you would like to be added to our email list. We would love to communicate with you in this way, and really enjoy hearing back from you as well. We are happy to send a paper copy of our updates to those who don't have email. Call or write!

Soli Deo gloria,

Alan & Cheri



Alan & Cheri Shea
SIM Appointees to Liberia

Praises

- Soon-to-be-new baby
- Work accomplished in Liberia
- Safety in travel
- God's continued provision for us

Prayer requests:

- Speaking engagements
- Monthly support increase
- Health of Cheri and baby
- Alan's work at HCJB
- Cheri's writing projects
- The safety of those serving at Radio ELWA and security of the campus
- That Liberia would one day be known for righteousness as it is today known for warfare and spiritual darkness

Everything takes longer in West Africa...

Wireless network bridges don't need wires, but they do need electricity. One setback in Liberia was a problem with the generator for sometime at the internet cafe itself. (There is still no commercial electricity available in the country; every business must have its own source of power.) Alan was able to help them select and purchase a reliable new generator. Excited to finally have electricity back, they



The new 13.5kva Lister Petter generator.

connected the new generator – and fast discovered that the building had been completely miswired as lights began burning out! Thankfully, the air conditioner control transformer and compressor capacitor were the only other casualties. It was obvious that the building wiring had to be fixed before the internet “bridgework” with ELWA could be completed or the computers be turned back on.



Sapata Internet café staff Matthew, Stephen Tamba and Matthew Paye.

Steve Iwan were also able to make significant progress installing the IntelliGen system on ELWA's third generator.

With much prayer from back home and the assistance of visiting missionaries Cole Grace and Steve Iwan, the building wiring was corrected, and on the very last day of Alan's trip, the internet bridge was fully functioning. The saying, “The Lord is never late but seldom early” certainly proved to be true! We praise the Lord that Steve Kejr and

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