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We Shall All Be Changed

Cheri had to laugh at one of the baby shower gifts she received last fall from her mother. A package contained several small items, each labeled with a Scripture verse. “God shall wipe away all tears,” was on a box of tissues, and “Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow,” on a box of baby wipes. But



her favorite – and the most prophetic of the coming months – was a newborn diaper labeled with 1 Corinthians 15:5: “We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed”!

So many kinds of change

On November fourth, after over thirty hours of labor, our son Adam Josiah was born – and our lives have been dramatically and joyously changed forever. That same night, we



learned that a new president had been elected who holds some very different perspectives from ours. For Cheri especially, facing a future for her brand-new little one with these potential changes felt frightening. This and the negative economic situations that persist have prompted heartfelt prayer, settling our affairs in the hands of the Lord again and again.

Change we can believe in

Our greatest desire is to continue to see hearts changed for Christ. Cheri deeply appreciates your continued prayers for her involvement in biblical worldview curriculum development with TEN3,

and especially for balance as she cares for Josiah, who is now her most important “ministry”! She is very excited to see her area of the project growing to include people with strong backgrounds in education and curriculum development. The curriculum they are developing will be a core of Christian liberal arts degrees in African universities partnering with TEN3.

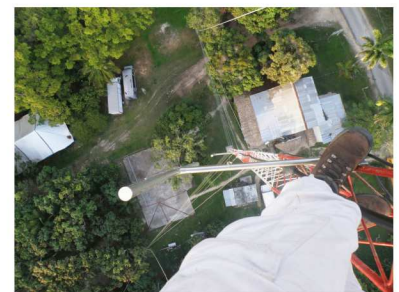
Cheri and I have been amazed to see how the Lord has put us at the right place at the right time. While locating us in a place close to grandparents and excellent medical care as we begin our family, I have had the opportunity to be mentored by other missionaries with decades of mission radio experience. I still have a deep burden for radio ministry in West Africa, but I also appreciate the opportunities to assist other mission radio stations as well through my work here at the HCJB Global Technology Center.

Global Technology Center



At HCJB I’m primarily working with Broadcast Services, which advises and assists in planning and setup of new radio stations. This involves

installation and technical support, along with training and sometimes on-site support.



In the past year I’ve been asked to make three trips to two different continents to work on projects for HCJB partners. The work in Liberia was to help Radio ELWA get a more reliable internet connection, and follow up on the generator control system installation in 2007. Both trips to Belize have

been in response to an urgent need: last year to replace their radio antenna, and this year to repair the antenna cable and a transmitter.

While in Belize I saw their need for protecting their transmitter from electrical problems. I was able to build and install a "protection unit" on my



second trip there this last February. Now I've been asked to turn that design into a product the

Technology Center can manufacture and make available to other radio stations. This is actually a project that has been on the Technology Center's back-burner for several years, and I'm thrilled to be able to help bring it to fruition.

Through the Technology Center I am able to help fill a vital support role for Christian radio stations around the world, while at the same time being given the invaluable opportunity to get further training and learn from some of the most gifted radio engineers in the world.

Crossroads

This year we face a crossroads. We are keenly aware of the situations facing all of us economically, and are also aware we serve an incredible God. To fail to trust God to supply our needs and direct our paths would be a lack of faith on our part. Is God leading me to take on part-time work of some kind as His provision for now, in addition to Cheri's evening ESL classes? We are hesitant to take more time away from ministry, but we want to do what is right.

Our monthly support requirement needed for living in the U.S. is actually nearly identical to what it will be when we are in Africa. (This "requirement" is the amount suggested by SIM to properly care for ourselves and Josiah.) Up to this time we have been living on a greatly reduced portion of this because our actual incoming support has been about half that requirement. And while we have seen

some increase in the last two years, adding Josiah to our family means the net effect has left us at 52%, with an additional \$2200 needed monthly.

We greatly appreciate those who have joined us in this ministry; everyone's prayers are a vital blessing right now. Please pray that the Lord will cause us to choose the right paths, and supply our needs from the right places. If we are to continue full-time in ministry, we need more support. Because it is almost impossible to gain support from "cold calling," *if you know of churches or individuals who may be interested in our ministry, introduce us!*

The world needs changing!

We see such tremendous opportunity and value in radio and educational opportunities. HCJB is pioneering with other heavyweight



broadcasters like BBC and Deutsche Welle, in a new digital system that will revolutionize short-wave broadcasting for coverage of areas that FM broadcasts will never reach. Also Liberia is again becoming a viable platform for regional broadcasting in West Africa. TEN3 continues to move forward with partnerships in African education. These are such exciting days and we want to be positioned where God wants us.

Yes-we will all be changed!

As saints in Christ, the change we anticipate most is being "*made like him, for we shall [finally] see him as he is.*" Praise the Lord for the hope we have in him! During times of stress, we have reason to look up, to be excited at the prospect of what God has in store for us.

Pray for us that God will show us the way to keep on track!

Soli Deo Gloria,

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