January 2011

Terri's Travels

Winter in Canada

From the middle of a deep, deep freeze in Western Canada, the look around the world suggests that maybe "deep freeze" is not so bad. This week it was flooding in Australia and Brazil, and the follow-up from the earthquake a year ago in Haiti. At church today, we heard the story of a woman who had escaped a horrific regime of genocide and oppression in an African country. So, while temperatures here — below –20 C (-4 F), with wind chills of –30 C (-22 F) — are not fun, it is easy to bundle up and manage well and to count our blessings.

Work Time

Since my last letter in September, we have made great strides in our **Wycliffe Canada** goals of making the charity compliant with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines for charities sending funds to projects outside of Canada. My job involves communicating with the fields, letting them know their responsibilities in the area of accountability and what that means so that we here in Canada can be accountable back to the government. Sending out agreements that the partner organizations have to sign, I have spent a lot of time answering their questions. We've met with lawyers, specialists in charity law, and with directors of some field entities. That has meant four or five revisions to the template for our agreements, but I think we now have the final version, at least for 2011.

Four of my **Global PartnerLink** projects are nearing completion. Buamu has finished the consultant checking and is doing the final "read-through" before going to the typesetter and print shop. Nawuri is having their last New Testament book checked this month (January). Yumplatok and Quechua have a goal of finishing all their consultant checking in the next six to nine months.

Praises ** Prayers

- No travel since March 2010.
- Four or more language teams hoping to complete the translation of the New Testament in 2011.
- Faithful friends and a faithful God.
- Another attempt to work on my dad's slides.

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- Pray for project staff to learn new techniques for reporting project progress online.
- Pray for the Buamu, Nawuri, Yumplatok, and Quechua projects as they work on final steps of translation team. (These are the ones I am particularly responsible for here in Canada.)
- Pray for my trip to West Africa for the month of March.
- Personally, I am praying for many friends and family members who are not doing well physically. I'm sure you too have people on your heart that could use your prayers. They are counting on your prayers to God on their behalf.

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I am always grateful to you who are supporting me financially and prayerfully. Thanks too for the many Christmas greetngs that I received from you all.

I didn't get around to doing Christmas cards this year. It was always the "next" thing on the list to do and I'm sure you know how that goes. The days march by relentlessly and my list never was finished. We had a quiet, restful Christmas season this year, even though it seemed full of activities. It didn't get out of hand. And we (Mom and I) both remained relatively healthy while many friends from church and the office succumbed to various cold and flu bugs.

I'm adding these snowflakes for those of you in sunny, warm climates who never feel the soft, fluffy powder falling on your face and don't know the difference between a skiff and a blizzard. You've never had the joy of remembering to put the windshield scraper in the car or of trying to find where you put the shovel … smile!!

Blessings for 2011,

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