



# The Messenger



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Seasons Greetings! and thanks to all of you for your prayers, encouragement & financial support during this past 12 months. We can't do it all without your help.

Are you Ready for Christmas? Are we ready to meet with Jesus over this holiday time or will we miss the whole purpose of Christmas? Let's not be too busy, leave a space for Him. He is the reason why we celebrate Christmas... with all "our" plans sometimes we forget that He is the most important guest.

The **SABER UNIT** has arrived. This new playback MP3 unit is fantastic & will be used widely by missionaries, evangelists & pastors etc. We have a saying in N.Ireland, "it's the greatest thing since sliced bread"... well it is. It has loud & clear digital sound for large/small groups & ideal for villages. Its inbuilt rechargeable battery can be charged by mains power, solar panel, batteries & hand-wind operation. It can store up to 80 hours of audio recordings like Bible translations, songs, Gospel messages, sermons & health awareness messages. Its use is limitless & only costs £35... the price of half a tank of petrol. This unit could change the whole way we present the Gospel to oral communities around the world. After all about two thirds of the worlds can't/don't read, so this may be the



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**Burundi Job**... Recently we sent to Burundi a large shipment of 550 cassettes in 6 languages, with 20 tape players, loads of flip charts & books. These cost a lot to get there but they arrived safely. However "Mr Customs" wanted his share & didn't want to part with the goods until he got it. We sent extra money to clear the goods but with the bank transfer fees taken out by 2 other banks, it was not enough to clear them. We transferred more money, but it was still not enough to pay for the daily storage charges placed by the agents. Johnson in Burundi wrote: "the enemy is trying to keep The Gospel from thousands of people who can't read or write, but he won't succeed". After a few anxious nights & much prayer I got an e-mail yesterday to say he had them in his hands & they were ready for distributing in Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania & Congo. Can you help us with future projects?

**Kosova...** Last time we reported about new recordings we made in April and the hope to distribute them in October. Well this has now happened. Here's a short report.

We flew to Pristina in Kosova & met up with our team. Next morning we travelled into the Goran region on the border of Albania, Macedonia & Kosova. Our plan was to meet our great friend Mukim, who last April had helped make the recordings in the Goran language with us. This was to be the first out-reach to these people in their own language. We were really excited although a little apprehensive on our way into the remote villages in the mountains.



At a local primary school the children were so excited to see us especially with all the goodies we had for them. The teachers were so very welcoming & excited we had come to their school. We gave the children toys, teddies, pencils, pens, sweets, and books, showed them our puppets, & sang songs. It was the most wonderful thing to see their faces as they received all these gifts. We played football and games outside and they all loved the fun...and we did too!

That evening the local Muslim cleric asked, "Who invited these people?" The school director answered, "We will believe in whoever we want to believe". Wow! We were amazed & blessed when they told us the next day. There are 28 villages of Goran speakers with approximately 30,000 people living in the region. Others live in America, Netherlands, Belgium, UK & many other countries where they have gone in search of work. These lovely people are nominal Muslim and each village has a mosque. For the next few days we spent time with them, gave out aid & our new recordings on CD & cassette, drank strong coffee, laughed with them, told stories & generally enjoyed each others company.



The next day we visited a high school & spent time with the teachers & told them we would like to offer aid to them. The buildings were terrible and with over 150 students very cramped. Only one bulb & no nice posters or anything on the walls etc. They had no toilet in the school. The teenagers we chatted with were great & glad to practise their English on us.



We sang songs about Jesus & they joined in. We told them God loves the Goran people & we do too. One teenage boy told us, "everyone treats us like pigs, but you have treated us with much love." They couldn't understand why we should visit and spend time with them.

We handed out small gifts & warm blankets for the widows as it's freezing there in winter time.

Everyone wants relationships & everyone needs a hug & a smile...**a smile is the same in every language**...so also is a small gift & a prayer. For years they have been isolated & persecuted...now they have heard the Good News that God loves them. **Ephs 3 v 16-19.**



Sometimes we use terms like “**people groups**” & “**unreached people groups**”, but these are real people & not statistics. They have human needs & feelings like all of us, & they need to be loved. They have no health service, no hospitals or dentists, no real resources for education & life is hard, but they blessed us more than we blessed them. Each night we returned to base exhausted but so thrilled and excited to have gone and visited them and to see how The Lord had directed & lead us. Now we are thinking about how we can help them in the future.



We were able to make 3 new recordings in GORAN & Kosovan-Albanian. When these are edited we hope to return next year & reach more of the 28 villages. Would you like to be involved or be able to help us

with this project of reaching out with God's love?

Wherever Joan & I go we fall in love with the people & this is the case with these lovely folk. There is a huge harvest all around us, not only in far off places & it's ripe now as the Bible says. **John 4 v 35 “I tell you, open your eyes, and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.”** It's a real joy to bless the people we meet while we are there, & to pray for them when we are away from them. What a privilege to be His vessel and channel to others & to tell them about Him...wow! ! !



**Shiap's house**...We got to meet the blind man & his young family who have now moved into their refurbished house & we had a lovely party with them. There were 22 of us there. The cake was delicious & enormous.! Thanks to all who contributed to this project.

***Praise The Lord!***

**A pastor** once told me something I've always remembered & that is, that when we meet someone we should either bless them or they should bless us. Everywhere we have gone this has happened. We love to bless others & the more we bless them the more joy & blessing The Lord gives us. To Moses God said, use whatever you have in your hand. Keep giving out whatever you have, use whatever skills, resources you have...God wants to use you. Don't bury your treasures, gifts; monies...give them out to others in Jesus name.

**Uganda** A friend recently went to Uganda for 2 weeks. We gave him some cassettes & a hand wind tape player for speakers in the Acholi language. On his return his e-mail read, "**We used these materials 3 or 4 times when visiting the North of Uganda & had the joy of seeing about 50 come to the Lord.**" Wow.

This week we sent a parcel with recordings & a player to a friend working in **Orissa, India**. Pray that he receives it safely. Many hundreds of homes & churches have been burnt. Please pray for our brothers & sisters during these terrible times.



Four **Anonymous Donations** have been received over recent times. God Bless you & thank you so much. You don't realize the timely nature of your selfless giving. Thanks to all who give & to those who now donate on line. If you want to make regular or one-off gifts we would welcome this. Please let me know.

Although there is a credit crunch worldwide, **Psalm 20 v 7 says, "Some trust in chariots & some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God."**

Three **SANTALI** speakers in north India gave their lives to Jesus after they heard the message in their own heart language. We have targeted 1200 languages & dialects to be recorded over the next 10 years!

**Happy Christmas & A Blessed New Year.**

**Phil 1v 6 "Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."**

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