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Dear Praying Friends and Supporters;

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These past two months the Lord has given us the opportunity to share the gospel with more people than we have in an entire year. We are just now getting into a rhythm of how to hand out tickets and Bibles.

The average salary here is \$6.25 for a whole day of work. The current cost of a whole Miskito Bible here is \$33.33. As you can see it would take the complete salary of an entire 40-hour work week, to pay for a Bible. For that reason, as word is getting out that we are giving away whole Miskito Bibles, and they are free, we are getting a big response. The way we are doing it right now is, a person has to come to one of our services. After the service they can give their name to receive a ticket. After getting their ticket they have to come back to another service, and during that service they will receive their Bible. The goal is to be able to preach to them twice while we can. During the month of April, our Sunday services have increased to between 100 to 120 people, where our normal average was 50 and 60 people. Our mid-week services have jumped even more. We normally would have 15 to 20 on our Wednesday and Friday morning services, but now we are consistently having 60 to 70 each service. One Friday morning, we had to bring in all of the benches that we had, and still there were four or five standing outside. I joke with them that I am so excited that they have come just to hear me preach!! Then I try to assure them that we are excited that they have come, even though it is just to get a Bible. There have been folks from as far away as the village of Yamanta at the far end of the Island that came in the night before and slept in a house with friends or family, so they could come and be here for the service and get their ticket. Then they did it again to get the Bible. Many have walked two and three hours to get here, leaving their house before daylight to get here for the 6:00 a.m. service. It is the same here as in any place in the world. Those who live within sight of the church, will not walk the 2 minutes to get here, but so many from far away come to get a Bible. It is a matter of the heart.

We have a plan of salvation in the Miskito Language that we are gluing to the front flyleaf of each Bible. After gluing a box or several boxes, we are praying over each one, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of those that read, so they can see their need, and the Bible way of salvation. Also, when we give out Bibles, we have the folks stand up on the platform and with all of the recipients for that day, we have a dedication prayer for them as a group.

Of all the things that excite us about having these Bibles to give out, I think the two greatest things to me are these. First: after they get their Bible and go back to their seat, they are looking and opening their Bible with a smile on their face, and that is when the preaching starts and they get to open it for the first time to try and find a passage of scripture. I give them the book, chapter and verse, and also the page number. I even have to explain that the Bible has 2 parts, what we call the Old Testament and the New Testament. It is so great to see them finally find their place



and read with their own eyes, for the first time, in their own Bible, in their own language, the Word of God. Secondly: I am even more excited to see folks walking up the path coming to church and they have their Bible with them bringing it to church. That has been something that has been non-existent here before now. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God", if they are going to get saved, the Word of God has to be revealed to them by the Holy Spirit and He can use us to give them the Word, or just by the reading of it, He can show them their need of salvation.

We are anxiously looking for the Spirit's work to be evidenced, and see folks coming to be saved. We earnestly ask for your prayers for the people here.

Last weekend for the first time we did a two night event. I sent two of our men upriver about four hours to a village where another of our men has a church. They took 65 Bibles and tickets. On Saturday evening they handed out the tickets, one to each house in the village as many as they had, then on Sunday during the service they handed out the Bibles. The men came back very excited about the meeting, said the people were happy to get Bibles. But of course, others not so much, because they didn't get one or they didn't get their own. We are thinking to try and do a meeting similar to that on the north end of the Island here, in the village of Dapat. I got word this week that there are 300 houses in that village. We would go and hand out tickets in the afternoon, and then hold service in the evening, doing that for two or three nights with a set number of tickets and Bibles to hand out. Again, we would appreciate your prayers for wisdom in this effort as well.

The end of March we sent 5 men up the Patuka river to help our missionary, Nichin, in the village of Krausirpi. They went to pour the cement for the floor of the church building there. We had graded the spot last year on our trip there, and of course, with rain and settling they had to do some more prep to get it level and ready to pour. After doing cement one day, they realized they did not have near enough gravel to finish, so they turned a one week trip into two. They had to take the canoe upriver a little ways to the gravel beach, and load it with gravel, then paddle back down and unload on the river's edge. From there it is an 80 ft. climb up the hill and then about 300 yds. to carry the gravel to the church site. Extremely tough work, but they said they were determined to finish the project before leaving. We praise the Lord for their work and dedication. We are looking forward to getting a building started there so we can reach more souls with the gospel.

This week I have been working with Bro. Mike Kennon and Operation Renewed Hope. They are looking to come down and hold a medical clinic in the school right next to the house here. They already have several doctors and nurses, along with other helpers committed to come. We will have a minimum of 15 minutes with each patient to give them a message of salvation. A profession of salvation does not gain them any sort of extra access or benefit, nor does a refusal prevent them in any way. The idea is to have the opportunity to share with them the message of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ. We are anticipating being able to share with a minimum of 900 people in those three days of clinic. Not to mention the possible hundreds that would be outside waiting on family members.

We have also started work on the wall around the property here. From November to March we have been having trouble trying to get supplies and materials out here, because of sand that had gotten washed up in the entrance of the bay. The big boats were not able to carry much cargo with it being so shallow. Thankfully, the tide and currents have finally washed it out and we are getting regular supplies in now. We already have about 150 feet of footer poured, there are 2000 block on the way, we have 130 bags of cement on hand, and Lord willing, next week, our men will go out to get three loads of gravel.

There is plenty to keep us busy for a while, with all the work and witnessing opportunities coming up. In addition we are having one hour of Institute class, 5 nights a week for two weeks, then rest a week and do two more. We have two men, one lady, and six or seven young people that are attending the classes. We are teaching in this way, so as to have another evangelistic opportunity reaching just a few more. Only a couple of these have a testimony of salvation. We are praying, again, that the study of God's Word will bring enlightenment to their hearts, to understand what salvation is and why they need it.

Thank you once again for your faithful prayers for us. We need much wisdom and strength for the work in these days.

In His Service,
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