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Dear Friends,

It shouldn't have been such a surprise—but it was.

The treasurer's report is in. This has been the best year ever for CO-Mission—*over \$100,000 sent to ministers and other workers* who are carrying the Gospel to their own people in some of the most hostile areas of the world.

As I said in the Newsletter, we don't invest your money in stocks and other speculations. In fact we keep only enough in the bank to see us through whatever emergencies may come up from month to month.

But that's OK. *It is what we do—and it is the way we do it.* Your gift comes to us, and we send it out the door to some struggling worker in a hazardous, difficult mission field. It's what we have always been about.

So, even during this last year of high gas costs, layoffs and bailouts, folks like you have continued to invest your mission dollars in CO-Mission's vision—helping people to carry the Gospel to their own people.

I stopped for a moment to consider why—but only for a moment, because it didn't take long to figure it out. folks gave us their mission dollars because they trust us. *They know we are doing just exactly what we said we would do* when we started this ministry nearly ten years ago—and we will continue to faithfully perform God's service for you, and for the missionaries we help sponsor.

We hope you will become a regular partner with the CO-Mission family by consistently giving your prayer support and financial support to those we serve.

In His service with you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Glover', is written over a horizontal line.

Gary Glover, DIRECTOR



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*May the Lord
bless you and keep you.*

*May the Lord
show you His kindness
and have mercy on you.*

*May the Lord
watch over you and give you peace.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

NEWSLETTER—January, 2009

What more can we say? Even in this time of economic downturn, YOU, the readers of CO-Mission Newsletter, have surpassed any previous year in your giving to sponsor missionaries who are carrying the Gospel to their own people. We sent out over \$100,000 to native missionaries in 2008. Of course, as I have been telling you for nearly ten years, all of your gift goes directly to these native missionaries.

None is used for operating costs—others pay for that. YOUR GIFT buys food, clothes, and shelter for men and women who daily hazard their lives for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In behalf of all of them—we sincerely
THANK YOU.

\$103,499 IN 2008

FOR SUPPORT OF INDIGENOUS MISSIONS

RUSSIA \$2,580	THAILAND \$1,943
MYANMAR \$3,080	PAKISTAN \$1000
BULGARIA \$3600	UGANDA \$1000
NEPAL \$5,440	



Your gift comes to us—we send it to them. *It is just that simple.*

We don't invest your gift in stocks or other speculations. (If you wanted it in the bank, you'd put it there yourself. Lately we've seen, in the news, what happens when charities invest instead of give—they have lost the money.) We barely keep enough in the bank to take care of the next month's emergencies—trusting the Lord. **We know you trust us** to use your gift exactly as we say we will do. A record year in 2008 is proof of it.

Triumph, Tragedy, and **RECOVERY** in **NIGERIA**

Recently we received an urgent phone call from Ezekiel in Nigeria. He is the leader of the *Jesus Film* Team we have been sponsoring for the last four years. The Team had been ministering in a village for three days and hundreds of people had come to Jesus. The night before his call, many people from a neighboring Muslim village had come to the *Jesus Film* showing, and many gave their hearts to the Lord. The Team stayed in the village for the night. About two o'clock in the morning, a gang of machete wielding Muslims attacked them and injured the Team members, especially Ezekiel, Simeon (the Team pastor,) and Big Abbi (the mechanic.) The fanatics also stole or destroyed nearly all of their equipment.

THANK GOD, none of the Team were killed and none of the women were with them on this outreach. (Nearly all the Team members are former Muslims. That is one reason the radicals are so enraged.)

When Ezekiel called, his great concern was for the equipment—because now they cannot go from village to village to show the film and tell people about Jesus. I

told him not to worry, we can replace equipment. Our concern is for them and their families.

The injured Team members went to the hospital and received treatment, then decided to go to another village to rest up. This was to be sort of a Christmas retreat. On the way, a tie-rod came loose on their car, they went off the road and rolled over, coming to rest against a tree, which kept them from rolling into the river.

There were five people in the car. Two were seriously injured—Ezekiel and Dele. Dele was injured in the back of his head and suffered a serious concussion. They are still in the hospital but are recovering. Of course, Ezekiel and all of the Jesus Film

Team are eager to get fully recovered and back into the work of carrying the Gospel to unreached people. But now, they have no equipment and no vehicle. I am making a special appeal to you to pray about how you can give to these dear people. Pray for their complete physical and mental recovery, and pray for provision for us to pay their hospital bill and re-equip them for ministry. It will cost about \$6500 to get them back on the road. Generous contributors have already given \$2300.

Please pray for Ezekiel and the Jesus Film Team. They feel just the way we would—violated, but wanting to get back to the work of telling others about Jesus. Of course, they can use financial assistance to help replace their equipment. But especially pray for their perseverance and determination in the face of this persecution. They will, with God's amazing grace, prevail.

UPDATE: Even as I was writing this article, Ezekiel called from the hospital and said, "We are seeing miracles daily, and even minute by minute. The doctors are amazed, saying, 'Nobody should recover this quickly. What is happening?' Today Dele has only a band aid on his head. Even Dele's unbelieving family are seeing this wonderful miracle. Soon we will go out of the hospital, maybe even today. Thank you everyone for praying for this incredible miracle."



**Ezekiel
Oyewole
from his
hospital bed.**



The Gospel workers we help sponsor hazard their lives daily among the people where they minister. They endure very trying hardships, and "count not their lives dear." Even so, they are experiencing tremendous success. Please join these in their struggles by praying for them, and enlist others to pray also.

Nigeria. Ezekiel Oyewole and the Jesus Film Team minister among the villages.

India. Pastor Charles and his team minister among Sikhs in Uttaranchal and Rajasthan.

Bulgaria. Janko Ivanov and Stanimir Todorov evangelize among gypsies and Muslim refugees from Turkey and the Middle East.

Russia. Dmitry and Iryna Kavaluski work with young people in the Ural mountains of Siberia.

Ukraine. Oleg and Alla Shchebetcko conduct youth camps for the children of unchurched families.

Nepal. Teams of agricultural workers minister in villages to help the people, then plant churches when the people see their great love for them.

Burma. Ya Sae and his people evangelize unreached people in the mountains and rural areas north of Rangoon. They are experiencing revival as never before, whole people groups coming to Christ.

China. Three Chinese workers continue to minister in very hazardous conditions to carry the Gospel even to the interior regions where people have never heard the name of Christ.

Pakistan. We continue to sponsor the widows and children of Gospel workers who have been called home to Jesus.

**CO-Mission International is committed to sponsoring indigenous mission workers and their families.
100% of your gift goes directly to overseas native missionaries.**

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