

# Miller Monthly Memo



It's a long time since you've heard from us! After Jon and Heather moved to Nashville in January, we concentrated on the Bible stud-

ies we lead or attend and on the projects we hope to accomplish before we begin to travel again. Since March 1st we've enjoyed visits with a number of friends from the north, coming to "thaw out" in Florida. We love such visits.

There's a lot of good news coming from BLF these days! The latest book off the press at BLF is "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. The European staff wants to tell the whole French-speaking world about this book, calling it "one of the very best books ever published by BLF!" The staff is creating a website telling about the book and its author, including book trailers and videos. To learn about it in English, see [www.crazylovebook.com](http://www.crazylovebook.com).

Have you seen books done in the Japanese cartoon-style art called Manga? Two Japanese women, one a writer and the other an artist, have put the Bible in 5 volumes in this style of cartoon art. BLF has acquired the exclusive rights to translate and distribute these books in French and they are in great demand among the youth of France. **Manga Messiah** (the life of Christ), **Manga Metamorphosis** (Acts and the Epistles), and **Manga**

**Mutiny** (Genesis and Exodus) are available so far. The book of the **Kings and Chronicles** is being translated at present, and **the prophets** will be done after that, ending with **Revelation**.

When the Department of Education in France decided to teach the five world religions to high school students, BLF sent a copy of Manga Messiah, suggesting that it be used as the text to present Christianity. A decision hasn't yet been reached, but it is a subject for prayer. BLF is sending a copy to each private school in France.



SIM plans to give each of 18,000 pastors in French-speaking Africa a mini-library of 30 books in French. They want to include at least five of BLF's books. This means that, through this project, 90,000 copies of our books will be distributed throughout French-speaking Africa! Containers of the mini-libraries will be shipped to 13 countries, starting in May 2011. Participating in this project will cost BLF \$34,000. If you are able to help with this cost, please send your gift to;

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The African pastors will be thrilled!

*In May we will be leading a team to France to work in the bindery at the print shop and also to prepare the facilities for a youth camp to be held locally in June. Three members of our team come from Belleview, IL and the rest of the team are from our church here in FL. We'll be gone **May 12 through 23**.*

*As part of our sightseeing, we hope to take our team to see the Tulip Festival at Keukenhof in Holland. We think it is one of the Seven Wonders of the World! The tulip beds in the gardens, the displays of so many types and colors of tulips, daffodils, jonquils, orchids, and all the other spring-time flowers are almost too much to take in, in one day!*



*Working out all the details and giving the orientation has been one of our projects this winter. Look for pictures and a write-up after we return. Your prayers for our trip will mean a great deal to us and to the effectiveness of our team. Thanks!*



# Ron & Shannon

Ron and Shannon are in a time of transition at the moment. Their time in Italy is coming to a close and they are preparing to move to Zimbabwe in June. Part of their preparations include a month of conferences in the metro Washington, DC area to learn about Zimbabwe and Southern Africa's events and issues. Ron is sad he must sell his Toyota 4Runner. In Zimbabwe, they will drive on the *other* side of the road.



# Jon & Heather



Soon after arriving in America, Jon and Heather found that they were having a baby. What excitement! Hoping to be able to keep this one and have a healthy child, they asked Samaritan's Purse for an assignment in the States for a few months. SP has

been rebuilding homes that were ruined by the floods in Nashville, TN last May. One of the site supervisors had to have open heart surgery and they needed a replacement for him. It was perfect for Jon. Groups of volunteers come each week from different parts of the U.S. to do the work. Jon guides his crew, showing them what needs to be done, providing the tools and materials. He drives a double-cab pickup and trailer to the sites.

They have a cute apartment at 803 Players Ct., Nashville, TN 37211. Heather is doing well and is due around Father's Day. They are in the process of getting the various items babies need, to be ready to welcome their long-awaited little one.

# Scott & Susan

The past few months, Scott and Susan have been focusing on teaching hygiene and drilling wells in SE Chad. Scott has drilled 3 wells so far in the Salamat region, the area where they live. One of their biggest prayers has been that these thirsty villagers would see a difference between Scott and his helpers and those of another religion who've drilled wells and taken money for them without providing water. Praise be to God, they have all commented on how diligently Scott and his crew work, and how much care they put into every detail to completion. Each day of meetings, drilling, developing, or installing the pumps has given Scott the chance to share from God's Book. Pray for those who are currently reading His Word, that they may recognize it as Truth. The villagers are overjoyed when clear, clean water comes pouring from the pump.



The family has just returned from the capital where the three oldest children spent a week with other children at WellSpring Academy. Scott attended a week-long workshop in Budapest on Language and Culture Coaching. A German family and an American family will be joining Downings, so they will need to help these families learn the culture and dialect of Arabic spoken in their area.

*Our study of the book of Judges has been good preparation for reflection on the need that we and our society have of considering our disobedience to God and His ways. How we need to repent and change our ways! How amazing that Jesus loved us so much that He died to take our punishment. Let us thank Him and become an obedient nation. Then may we rejoice in celebrating the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Happy Easter!*

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