

# Miller Monthly Memo



Our summer turned into a very busy time. Ron, Shannon and her nephew visited in July; then Jon, Heather and Jebel came to get ready to move to Congo. After that we had three weeks to prepare for our Fall BLF travels, from Florida to Colorado Springs. We were gone for five weeks, at home for two weeks, then left again for a week to attend the Fall

BLF Board meetings in Hampton, VA, and to speak at churches in that area. We are now at home for the winter and it feels good not to be planning a trip and preparing to leave!

We are however, planning to take a team to BLF in France again in May of 2012 and we're trying to find enough people to make a team of 8. Please let us know if you or someone you know would be interested in joining our team. We plan to leave on May 17 and return on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we were privileged to participate in the annual missions conference of St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Belleville, IL. It is a special joy to renew friendships with staff and members there whom we see each year, as well as to meet new friends. We are also getting to know the missionaries that St. Matthew supports and seeing how the Lord is blessing their ministries. Last May three of our team members were from St. Matthew. They hope to find enough people to make up a team of 8 in April 2012.

We visited friends in Union and Wright City, MO, and spoke in a Sunday School class and small groups in both places.

Traveling on to Colorado Springs, we stayed with our "Wheaton friends" Pat and Kay Talbot. They are the friends

who visited us at Obo, Central African Republic. Then the Lord called them to be missionaries with HCJB which is headquartered in the Springs. They lived in Quito, Ecuador, and in Gibraltar, and have retired in the Springs. We've seen them only once since they went to Costa Rica to learn Spanish, so we had much "catching up" to do. We enjoyed a couple of excursions with them, including a drive through the mountains when the aspens were at the peak of their fall color. Magnificent! Talbots arranged for us to speak to their Sunday School class, at a fellowship time in their home.

We also did something we've never done before—we contacted churches for BLF where we didn't know anyone in these churches and they hadn't heard of BLF. We left materials and prayer requests with them, are following up on these contacts, and hope to arrange to speak in Sunday School classes or small groups the next time we go to Colorado. Pray that these contacts, and the others as well, will become fruitful.



The 4<sup>th</sup> in the Manga Bible series, The Magistrates, arrived in France at the end of September. The 5<sup>th</sup> and final book in the series is anticipated to arrive in the Fall of 2012. We continue to praise the Lord for this avenue to put French-speaking young people in touch with God's Word in a form they love, and we continue to pray that the Lord will use these books to speak His truths to all who read them. Please join us in praying that many will invite Jesus into their lives as a result.



# Ron & Shannon



Ron and Shannon have been in Zimbabwe for half a year now. They have received most of their household items and have been able to finally feel settled into their new home. Being in the southern hemisphere with long hot sunny days makes Christmas feel very different than normal. Ron and Shannon are enjoying their Embassy work although it comes with certain challenges.

It isn't always easy being a diplomat to a govern-

ment which considers you to be an "enemy of the State." Malawi, on the other hand, shares a warm relationship with the US. Ron travels there monthly to oversee US military engagement there. Shannon has become an integral part of the embassy. She serves as both the Community Liaison Officer and the Management Office OMS. They hope to serve in Zimbabwe until summer 2014.



# Scott & Susan

Scott has continued with well drilling in various villages around the town where they live. He has now put in 11 wells in their area. The people in these villages are rejoicing to have clean water and come daily with their containers to get water for the day.

With exercising three times a day and being careful, Scott has been able to continue his work with relatively little back pain.

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The German family that has joined them is making good progress in learning Arabic, but it has been difficult for them to learn to live in that society. The American family has been taking a crash course in Arabic in the capital. They will move to the swamp in December.

TEAM missionaries in Chad have been attending their yearly conference in the capital. On their way, Downings were wishing for a "bird" to enjoy in their Thanksgiving celebration. Before daylight, they ran into a flock of guinea fowl trying to warm up on the road. Result? Five birds! God provided abundantly—praise Him!

# Jon & Heather

Along with Jebel, Jon and Heather moved back to FL from Nashville in August to return their things to storage in our garage. They shopped, packed, and then flew out to DR Congo, to begin their next assignment with Samaritan's Purse. SP is expanding their work in



Congo, and Jon's responsibilities will change from helping with the building (work on the hospital is nearly finished)

to being logistician for SP's various projects in NE Congo. The family has enjoyed living at Nyankunde in a comfortable, clean house, with healthful food. Jebel, now nearly 6 months old, is growing fast and bringing much joy to his parents.



This month we all are busy with Christmas programs, concerts and social events in celebration of Jesus' birth. But why did He come? "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10). While teaching His followers, He said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21). Your job and ours of reaching the lost is far from being finished. May we be focused on reaching the lost in 2012. Thank you for your prayers and support, as we seek to reach others for Him.

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