



AQUILA/PRISCILLA MINISTRY (APM)

STEVE AND REBEKAH LILLY

Dear Partners:

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PRAY FOR:

- Completion of Certification
- Increased Financial Support
- Funds to purchase Pastor Estelvio's car
- Opportunities to train Children's Workers
- Health and Safety when traveling
- Upcoming trip to India
- New supporters

"When I grow up, I could just spend my whole life in the jungles telling people about Jesus," said Chance after hearing the missionary story of Sophie in the Jungles of Venezuela. How precious it has been to be able to touch little hearts for the Lord as we have worked for the Lord. Throughout the spring and, now, into the summer months, APM has logged over 6,000 miles traveling to churches for ministry opportunities and spent 927 hours assisting in The Voice in the Wilderness Office, plus given time for many other additional projects such as Bible Clubs, preaching, story telling and music at Junior Camp, teaching Children's Worker Training Sessions, working on certification for Teaching English as a Second Language, Vacation Bible School, and somewhere in the middle finding time to attend to personal family needs. This ministry that the Lord has called us to is unique and often times difficult to explain to you, our partners in service. **Our work is vast and varied** everyday. Just the last few months:

- Rebekah has spent countless hours **revising our mailing system** to reflect the new postage increases of the USPS. New methods of mailing *The Voice in the Wilderness* had to be investigated to try to lower the cost of mailing the overseas envelopes and bundles to churches since many packages doubled in cost under the new rate changes.

- Steve has worked diligently with the **finances of the ministry**, preparing detailed fiscal year-end reports, balancing monthly budgets, writing checks to assist missionaries with special projects, and the "joyous" task of paying all monthly ministry expenses.

- We both have given many hours in weed pulling, grass mowing and general **upkeep of the 11 acres** the Lord has provided the ministry within the Smoky Mountains.

- Thus far, **10 modules toward a certification** in Teaching English as a Second Language have been completed. This will allow access into foreign countries which perhaps would not give a visa to a preacher or missionary.

- As with any missionary, much time has been spent in Bible study, preparation and writing of **Children's Bible lessons** which we have used while teaching Sunday schools, children's churches, camps, and Bible Clubs.

- While ministering at churches, we also play the **Handchimes**. One Pastor said after seeing us play for his church, "I think every couple should, prior to the marriage commitment, learn to play the Handchimes together - Surely if they can work together doing that, then they can get through anything in the marriage relationship!" The Handchimes do take much practice, but the church folk are always blessed to hear such reverent music in worship. As another pastor commented, "We have surely heard the bells of Heaven ring for us today!"

- We both worked with a local church to **reach 50 children with the gospel** during a week of Bible Club. Thank you to all who gave financially to provide each child with a Bible. Eleven children and one parent received Christ as Saviour and many others grew in the Lord. Thank you for making an eternal difference! (Photos at left.)

This short list of events can only touch the surface of the many tasks the Lord has given us to do. He may not have called us to Africa or some other "uttermost", but right here in our Jerusalem, Judaea, and sometimes Samaria, He has allowed our efforts to help build a church in India, raise funds for Pastor Estelvio's car in Venezuela, win little souls in Asheville for His Kingdom, train local church workers in teaching young people, publish a printed missionary that contends for the faith and challenges the believer, and even encourage the discouraged pastor or nursing home resident when they call our office. Please continue to pray for our "vast and varied" ministry. Without fervent prayers and financial partners like you, the Devil's devices can cause a BIG waste of time and energy. **As you pray**, remember our specific areas of service mentioned above and recall the needs listed at the side. **As you give financially**, please know that your sacrifice has been much prayed for, much praise to Lord given, and much used to further the gospel work He has called us to. **As you think of APM** read *The Voice in the Wilderness* for updates, visit www.thevoiceinthewilderness.org for pictures, subscribe to *The Weekly Voice* for e-mail prayer and praise requests, e-mail us at lillypads@hotmail.com. May Christ be Praised!

Striving to Serve, Steve and Rebekah Lilly (APM)

Ministering with churches ... from our Jerusalem to Judaea to Samaria and unto the uttermost

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