

## De Jong Update September 2009

**Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. Psalm 100:1-2,4**

As fall approaches, we rejoice in what God is doing. We continue to be amazed as we see His hand at work. At the same time, life throws hurdles before us as we try to learn the technology of using digital stills and videos, making DVD's, learning Power Point, managing a web site, and keeping up with correspondence and prayer requests from an increasing number of countries. We praise God for each individual He has placed in our lives and desire to be a blessing. We also recognize our limitations and pray without ceasing for wisdom and direction in what we are to be involved in and when to say no. We are eager to share our life journey with you so you can support us with your prayers.

**Family - Mark, Ruthi and her parents Art and Evy** need your prayers with Art's approaching home-going (see Ruthi's blog - be blessed by God's evident grace as you scroll [www.ruthidejong.wordpress.com](http://www.ruthidejong.wordpress.com)).

**James, Kyleen, Njema, Rehema, and Ngina** have moved into their house which is still undergoing renovation. We are traveling to Kansas City, Sept. 12, to assist with renovation work. On Sept. 18, we will travel with the family to St. Louis for **Philip and Kami's** wedding on Saturday. We plan to return to Ohio Sept. 21.

**Rhonda** is into the school year now, with 12 students and a possibility of two more. Most have mild to moderate disabilities, several with multiple disabilities. She is teaching in Middle School this year. She continues her graduate course so pray for God's strength and wisdom. **Shawn** managed his bipolar disorder well this summer and he worked on a large farm. He would appreciate your prayers as he is in his second year of college and is part time at the farm. Pray God will help him manage well.

**Rose** - The government has appealed her asylum so the court hearings resume. \$2,000 must be paid for her lawyer to continue to represent her. She must continue to wait for permission to bring the boys to the U.S. and must pay their school bills totaling \$3,000 for them to continue in school. If they drop out of school, they will be sent back to their country of origin where their lives are in danger. We choose to stand with Rose in prayer for God to provide the needed funds. We have viewed information concerning her desperate situation and there is great peril if she or her sons return to their country. Pray for His provision and that she can soon get a job.

**Canada** - We, along with **Carroll Roth**, (a friend from Pleasant Hill Baptist) traveled to Toronto Aug. 29 to visit missionary friends **Sunil and Sheri Kapur** and sons **Karen, Amar, and Rohan**. They moved to Toronto several years ago from Nairobi. They minister to the International community. We were able to

assist them in completing a move into a newly purchased home. We met their **Indian Sikh friend, Ragbir Singh**, and enjoyed a lengthy conversation. He is reading God's Word and was eager to discuss spiritual things. We picked up the rest of Sylvia's books from Essence Publishers in Belleville and visited **Ken and Fran Miller**, retired missionary friends in Sarnia. On Sept. 1, we shared about our trip to Africa with Ken's Senior group, about 70 people at Huron Baptist Church.

**Zambia** - God provided for **Davison and Jean Zulu** to buy the house they are living in. To God be the glory! They will not have to move. Continue to pray for Jean's healing. She may need surgery. Davison and Jean are grieving the loss of his sister who passed away several days ago. **Joy Again Foundation International (JAFI)** has been registered and has begun operation as a ministry. Their first food distribution for needy widows and orphans was on September 19. A gift of \$1,000 was received for JAFI to use for widow ministry. Praise God! It is the first fruits. Until God provides a building and property, the ministry will operate from Davison's home. Praise God for all of His provisions!

**Please pray** - When we return from the Missouri trip, we will have four days to finalize our preparations for the **Ignite Your Faith** Conference at Heath Christian Union Church in Heath, OH on **Sept. 26**. We will be featured speakers. The theme verse is 2 Timothy 1:6 **Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you**. Your prayers for God to "fill us to overflowing" are coveted. Our friend, **Carolyn Crego**, has worked with her pastor to plan this conference for area churches.

**Widows of the Old Testament Book** - The publishing of WOT English edition in Africa is waiting a contractual agreement with a publisher in Lusaka, Zambia. We are waiting for cost figures for the **Arabic translation** and publishing of WOT from a Lebanese publisher. We will be working with the Lebanese publisher to raise funds to translate and publish this book. Pray for God's direction and provision. Please contact us if you would like more info about the Arab project.

**Kenya** - We are praying about leading a mission work team for a Jan./Feb. project in Kenya. The team is needed to repair buildings at Nduluku Bible Institute and help AIC Muunyni construct their new church building. We will need skilled construction workers, welders, people willing to learn and work, also finances for materials. In early October, we will post Project Information and related pictures on our web site.

Trusting Him,

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