



Dear Praying Friends around the globe

I started this letter sitting in the Santa Cruz, Bolivia airport just about to fly to La Paz. I have prayed for Bolivia for 50 years, but never visited. It is one of the few countries in South America that our ships never visited, I wonder why? Special Projects provides Spanish books for the work here and we hope to do much more in the future.

Before coming to Bolivia we had two days in Chile. The meetings went

well and I had a good radio interview on a secular station. Somehow my Spanish stood the test! We are headed for meetings in Brazil and also the ILM, our annual international leaders meetings. It will be an important time and by the time you receive this letter it will be history. Since we have many projects with many OM fields, it will be an important time to hear how they are going forward and what some of the needs are.



Since our last letter, our dear co-worker John Burne has gone to be with the Lord. I was with him shortly before he went. The graveside service and then the Memorial Service in Forest Hill went well and we believe the Lord was honoured at that time. His family was all

there. Please remember Gwenda and other family members. (There is a DVD of the service, ask for it if you are interested)

In an amazing way a local business person, Mr Peter Smuts, who just stepped out from his business, has agreed to take on the role of Operations Manager, which John did for a number of years. PTL!



Farewell to Denmark, Logos Hope launches out for ministry in Sweden and.....

We just had the news that the Logos Hope received her Passenger Certificate and can now move into full ministry. After almost 5 years of project work, after over 3000 project workers working on board and after many long working days to get her ready to sail, she sailed to Goteborg, Sweden on Feb. 19th.

Here is her schedule (keep in mind that some changes may take place). I pray that many of you will be able to visit her. I am hoping to be involved in Cardiff & London.

Goteborg SWEDEN	18 – 23 Feb
Harlingen (BP) NETHERLANDS	25 Feb – 10 Mar
Scheveningen NL	11 – 30 Mar
Edinburgh SCOTLAND	1 – 14 Apr
Torshavn/Klaksvik FAROES	16 – 27 Apr
Belfast N.IRELAND	29 Apr – 2 May
Dublin IRELAND	13 – 26 May
Cardiff WALES	27 May – 9 Jun
London ENGLAND	11 – 29 Jun
Cork IRELAND	1 – 14 Jul
Kingstown ST VINCENT	30 Jul – 18 Aug

George's 2009 Itinerary

March

- 1 am –Portstewart Baptist Church
- 4 Regents College, Nantwich
- 5–6 Logos Hope, Netherlands
- 7-9 Meetings in Switzerland
- 11 Keele CU
- 12 **Prayer Emphasis Day**
- 14-15 40th Celebration—Colchester
Cont: Dexter Slatter 01206735980
- 15 am—St Johns, Colchester
pm—Ichthus, Greenwich
- 18-19 Biola, California
- 20-23 AEEI Conference, France
- 25 Pastors/Leaders—Ellel Grange
- 27-29 Mts in Linköping, Sweden
- *30-1 Apr Team Retreat

April

- *1 Team Retreat
- 5 Wilmington Christian Fellowship
- 9 **Prayer Emphasis Day**
- 9-11 Missions-Net, Germany
- 13-14 National Peniel Conf.—Romania
- 16-22 MENA Conference
- 25-26 East Kilbride, Scotland
- *30 Fly to USA

May

- based in Idaho
- *1-3 Ships Donor w/e, San Diego
- *3 New Venture Church Fellowship
- 9-10 Calvary Chapel South, Kent, WA
Cont: (253)508 2037
- 14 **Prayer Emphasis Day**
- 16-19 Expolit, Miami
- 22-23 Biola Commencement
- 30 Nathan Smith's wedding, Chicago

June

- *1 Return to UK
- 4 Cardiff—Christian Ldrs & Pastors, Logos Hope
- 4-7 Logos Hope, Cardiff
- 7 am—St Peters Baptist Church, Worcester
pm-Highfields FreeChurch, Cardiff
- 11 **Prayer Emphasis Day**
- 12 Hollybush Christian Fellshp, Thirsk
- 13 Lodge Farm Church, Newport
- 14 am-Ichthus Southcroft Church, Streatham
- 15 The Message Trust Prayer Day - Manchester
- 21 am—St George's Church, Worthing
pm—Mtg in Broadwater
- 28 am & pm—Cheam Baptist Church
Cont: 020 8642 5070

We really want to thank you for taking an interest in Special Projects and taking a personal interest in many of us on the team. Special Projects Ministry is an official part of OM. It is a combination of projects and of the ministry of about 15 of us who are under this field and fund. This means money can be received by any OM office on our behalf. Very few people outside of Canada, the USA and UK seem to support what we are doing and we would like to see that change. In a number of countries we have had a few churches or individuals who have been involved in a major way, so why should we not pray for this to increase? I would ask you to pray for the oversight board to whom I am accountable, which is led by Ron Goodenough. Ron is also an OM UK board member and represents us on that level. Faithful board members going right back to 1958 in the USA and since 1962 in the UK, have been an important part of our work. Our Special Projects oversight board meets about 4 times a year. They are Philip Rice, John Wilkins, Malcolm Jones, Ron Goodenough, Jon Rosies and Ade Ajayi.

At our last board meeting Pam and Vera presented the accounts and a list (many pages) of all the projects for 2008. Last year has been one of our best years ever for income and there was great thanksgiving for God's provision. I want to thank each one of you who supported us this past year. So far this year it does not look so good. We are very aware of the financial challenges that many of our prayer partners and supporters (you) are going through at this time. We want to be faithful in praying for you, so please let us know how to pray.

I wanted to mention some of the ongoing projects that we are involved in at the moment as the need is always there.

INDIA - We are committed to *Literature and Audio Visual* projects in many different languages. We work with STL and with OM (in India they both come under the leadership of Joseph D'souza). At present, we are able to produce materials at extremely low prices. With your help we would like to take some giant steps forward in this ministry. Remember KC Joseph as we work with him in India on many of the projects.

BANGLADESH - we work with some very committed people, including former workers with cutting edge ministry here. We supply evangelistic Jesus DVDs, New Testaments, Bibles and other key books. We long to do much more as the requests continue to come in.

PAKISTAN - is one of the most difficult and unreached nations in the world, yet there are wide open doors. We want to continue to help the student ministries there which is under funded. We work closely with Mike Wakely who is involved with OM and also has his own ministry that he

founded, StarFish Asia. His regular visits to Pakistan are such a huge help in all of this. We long to take much bigger steps in this land of over 172,000,000.

SUDAN – it is hard to put into words the needs there, from the Darfur to Khartoum to the huge population of new Christians in the south where there is now peace. The demand for Bibles, NTs and other books is huge. We get some materials from within the country, but much has to be shipped in. There are other humanitarian projects that we also want to give more help.

SOUTH AFRICA - we work very closely with Francois Vosloo who is the Area Leader for all Southern Africa. They have a strong growing literature ministry and we are partnering with that. We want to do more in Angola and Mozambique as well as South Africa itself. We want to do more in regard to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. I plan to be in South Africa again this August as I have been invited to speak at two very strategic conferences in Zambia.

SHIPS - LOGOS HOPE and DOULOS we have a strong commitment to the ships and I believe that many of the very best of the life-changing books are supplied to them by Special Projects. I want to urge as many of you as possible to visit LOGOS HOPE while she is around Europe. All our friends will receive free books. I hope to see many of you on the ship as I will be involved in a number of ports.

Have you visited our website? georgeverwer.com I would like to draw you attention to the fact that there are many articles on that site I would love for you to read; dozens of blogs we want people to watch and often we offer free books. We constantly get a flow of requests, but we want to see more. Is there any way you can make this site more known? Close to 200 of my messages are also available for free download on MP3 format from sermonindex.net. This site has the greatest selection of sermons from all kinds of speakers. Please spread the word.

It was a joy on our India trip to have my new book **Drops From a Leaking Tap** come off the press. I wrote and put this material together mainly for India, but want to share it with others. We would love to send you a free copy. If you email requesting a copy, please include your address in the email. We also would like to send free Randy Alcorn's book on **Pro Life** and his fantastic book, **The Treasure Principle**. (If you have not seen a copy of our India Report, please let us know and we'll send it). Hope we hear from you on this.

In His grace and grip

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