



**GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS! Brenda and I hope this finds you well and prospering in your faith.**

**WE NEVER FORGET** -- not for one moment -- that you make our work possible by sending hard-earned money to keep us going in this vital ministry. And, we never forget that you pray for us. And, when we're able to visit in person or by phone or e-mail, you encourage us. That makes us comrades in this struggle to proclaim good news throughout the earth. We're grateful!

**RIGHT UP FRONT we want to give you an update on Brenda's health.** A lot of you are aware that she has had trouble staying well, catching everything that comes along. Well, now at least we know why. The last couple of blood tests were designed to study her IgG levels. The experts say, "*Antibody deficiencies are the most frequently seen immunodeficiency in patients with an abnormally functioning immune system. Determination of the levels of immunoglobulins is therefore highly important.*" Brenda's levels have tested low. So, our next step is to see a Hematologist to see if there is an underlying disease problem. In the meantime, our doctor, Dr. Joe Hubbard (a brother and an elder in a church in Abilene) has instructed her to avoid crowds or anyone who might be contagious. This has also resulted in an abbreviated trip this year. I will be leaving in May for three weeks instead of the eight I had planned.

**MISSION EVANGELISM class is over for the students but not for me!** I have about 30 more book reports and a three-foot high stack of notebooks -- 52 of 'em -- to grade (pictured right). That ought to keep me out of mischief for a while! What a great group of students they are! They are headed for Albania, Australia, Florida, France, Italy, three locations in Mexico, New Zealand, Russia, Scotland and Ukraine. Some have already indicated a desire to return to SIBI after their time on the field and go through the two-year program and advanced missions and devote their lives to world evangelism.



**DAVID, DIANNE and DIERDRA are ready to head for**

**Australia.** In fact, they are *eager*. The only thing they need now is

a mission-minded church to send them. Can you help us find a good sponsoring congregation? Any church who decides to send them will be sending a well-trained, responsible, trustworthy couple with a proven evangelistic track record. They are ready, willing and very able. They will be missionaries any congregation or individual donors can be proud of. Recommending people can be dangerous and I only do it if I can do it honestly and without reservation. *It is my pleasure to highly recommend this family.* If you know of a church or potential donor who is ready to make a sound investment in the evangelization of Australia, please contact me and we will get the Friesen's material into their hands.





**IT WAS JIM ELLIOTT**, one of the missionaries who died at the end of an Auca spear in Ecuador who said, *"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose."* He gave up his life to gain the souls of those dead in their sins. When we do something for world evangelism: pray, encourage, give, train, send or go, we are giving up what we cannot keep to gain something eternal. Only a few will feel that spiritual pull in sufficient strength to be drawn into another culture with the good news of the Kingdom. But the rest of us ought to be willing to support those who respond to the pull of God. We ought to be willing to reach into our abundant blessings to recruit, train and send and mentor those reapers that God is sending forth into the harvest.

Part of this process requires that I make trips to the region of Oceania each year. Though these are expensive trips, the ends justify the means (as those who have read our reports from the field know). I go as inexpensively as I can without hiding in the cargo hold. I go in faith that the charges I make on the credit card reserved for that purpose will be paid off in time to do it again. Well, in that regard, I will need your help. We have a large amount that we need to reduce to enable me to take care of expenses "on the ground." If you are able to give what you cannot keep to gain that which you cannot lose, please send your gift to **Woodland Oaks Church of Christ, 7300 Crownridge Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77382**, with a note indicating that it is for my travel. I know that you know it will be appreciated and spent wisely.

For the gospel of Jesus Christ,

Dwight and Brenda