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**HAVE A WONDERFUL**

**CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

**Dear family and friends,**

As we draw to the close of 2009, we pray that your Christmas celebration is filled with joyful honor to our Lord and warm memories with your family. Thank you for standing with us this past year, especially during the downturn in the US economy. We could not have had the ministries in which God has used us without your prayers and financial support. So many of you have given so generously and faithfully that **our hearts overflow with gratitude.**

### **MAJOR MINISTRY CHANGES**

#### **New President - New Position for Joe - New Office**

**New President**—Over the past few years the Board of East-West ministries has been looking for a **replacement for John Maisel, as president of the Mission.** The Board unanimously appointed **Dr. Kurt Nelson**, our current Vice President of Field Ministries as the next president of the Mission.

**New Position for Joe**—Joe has been asked to serve as the new **Vice President of Field Ministries, effective March 1, 2010.** His responsibilities will be to oversee all of our ministries overseas. Dr. Timothy Simpson, formerly our Central Asia Director, has agreed to take over all of Joe's current responsibilities in Russia, the Caucasus, and the Middle East.

#### **Questions some have asked:**

- **What will John Maisel do?** He will continue a strong relationship with the Mission as President Emeritus, and he will explore ways to encourage greater cooperation of various mission agencies and greater involvement of the American church in world evangelization.
- **Will the Walls' role change as full time missionaries?** No, we will continue to need support for our personal and ministry needs, and with the increased overseas responsibilities and the effect of the economic downturn on several of our supporters we actually are in need of increased support.
- **Will Linda's role change?** No, she will continue to oversee the women's ministries projects in Russia and the Caucasus region (Georgia and Azerbaijan). Joe will continue to teach in training programs in the region, so they will continue to link their travel plans.



Hope Center

**New Office**—The Mission headquarters has relocated to the **"Hope Center"** in Plano, Texas (2001 West Plano Parkway), which houses several mission agencies. For the time being, Joe will commute to Plano from Magnolia.

Joe's overseas travel will involve trips to most of our fields which now include China, India (and nearby limited access countries), Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), Cambodia, Cuba, Haiti, Spain, Albania, most of the countries that were a part of the Soviet Union, and several countries in the middle East and Africa (many that we cannot mention by name).

## Report from Linda

This past fall has been one of the most exciting since I have been with East-West Women's Ministries.

- In the **BLTC in Krasnodar, Russia**, with the blessing of many influential pastors (including Yuri Sipko, President of the Russian Baptist Union), we began a five-year study using the **Entrust (BEE) courses** in Bible, Theology, Marriage and Family, and Women's Ministries. We invited 35 ladies from all over the Krasnodar Region to the introductory class, and all have committed to the program.
- In **Azerbaijan**, a Muslim country, we are in the preliminary stages of developing a Women's Resource Center to aid in evangelism and discipleship and where women can learn basic life skills. In their culture, most women have been abused, leaving them with a very poor self worth. If they trust Christ and choose to leave the Muslim religion, many of them are rejected by their families and some are even forced into immoral activities in order to survive. Consequently, as they grow in their Christian walk, they may need help in emotional and spiritual recovery, as we help them to become self-sufficient.



## FAMILY NEWS

We had a great time in Breckenridge, Colorado, with Chris and Jessica and Scot and Darcy and their children (Marissa and Caleb). Mark and Val Lefaive of Bridgepoint Bible Church graciously opened their mountain condo for our use over the Thanksgiving week. Except for Joe's pulled muscle, while skiing ☺, it was a great time together.

Our granddaughter, Marissa (11), has been having some medical problems with her elbow and has had to withdraw from gymnastics practice and competition. She and her brother, Caleb (9), are being home schooled and seem to be advancing far ahead of their public school counterparts. Caleb is active in whatever sport is in season.



## Prayer Requests and Answers to Prayer

Last newsletter, we asked you to pray for us. Here is brief report on God's blessings and continuing needs:

- Stamina and health for our travel this past fall—*We were traveling for about a month under a lot of stress, but did not become ill. PTL*
- The MOPS and Entrust conferences for Women in Krasnodar—*God blessed beyond our greatest expectations—see Linda's report on page one. Please continue to pray for the multiplication of training through these programs.*
- The Best Practices Institutes (BPI) in Vladikavkaz, Russia, and in Baku, Azerbaijan—*The training went very well. Joe attended the Russian BPI and then taught the Azerbaijan BPI. Please continue to pray for the follow up mentoring of all of the church planters. And pray for several BPIs that will be held in Russia during 2010.*
- *Pray for the transition of Joe to his new position with the Mission.*
- *Continue to pray for the bold witnesses and those facing persecution in Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan and northern Iran.*
- *Pray that our support needs would be met and that we would use the funds wisely.*

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