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Dear Friends and Family,

Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, once stood next to a piano. Without touching the piano, he sang a steady low note. The piano strings started to vibrate and made a sound of their own. They were resonating to his voice.

I Thessalonians 2:4 speaks of being “entrusted with the Gospel”.

It is at conversion that our trust relationship with the Gospel starts. When the Gospel arrives, we are drawn to Christ. Something within us knows -- we are being called to someone High and Wonderful. Few respond to the Gospel because they are smart enough to do so. When the Gospel arrives in all of its glory and power and gentleness and forgiveness, something deep within us just knows. We were made for this. The piano strings of our heart resonate to the Gospel.

Christians know, almost instinctively, that the Gospel is true. Our Creator uses the fabric of our personhood -- all that we are -- to reveal Truth to us through the power of the Gospel. We accept the Gospel because it makes “soul sense” and still requires faith. We trust it even more as we experience being transformed by its power. The Gospel message is alive. It is eternal and holy. It is a miracle and yet so simple. It is perfect.

Christians entrusted with the Gospel are, in some sense, guardians of the Gospel. Having it, they know its truth and its importance. Like a precious jewel, we admire it and treasure it. We want to protect it, proclaim it, and preserve it. It makes us sensitive to the lies and falsehoods that swirl all around us. We, frail creatures, are entrusted with its great treasures in our hearts. We believe, love, and value this fantastic Gospel. As long as one Christian’s heart is beating, the Gospel has a home.

Being entrusted with the Gospel means it must go beyond our own hearts. As its truth resonates in us, we know others need it too. If the spiritually lost need the Gospel, we must take it to them. Jesus is the theme of the Bible. The Gospel is His story. He tells us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. He trusts we will. It would seem He has more faith in us than we have in Him. We fail more than we succeed; we are faithless more often than faithful. Yet He still entrusts us with the Gospel. Let’ be trustworthy.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia

Furlough Speaking Schedule

Jun.	23 AM	Palos Heights, IL
	23 PM	Elmhurst, IL
	25	Itasca, IL
	29 & 30 AM	Leland, IL
	30 PM	Glasford, IL
Jul.	7 AM	North Judson, IN
	7 PM	Buchanan, MI
	14 AM	Rochester, IN
	14 PM	Brazil, IN
	18	Polo, IL
	21	Erie, IL
	28	Noblesville, IN
Aug.	4	Marion, IN
	11	Marco Island, FL
	14	Winter Park, FL
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PACKING FOR RETURN TO TANZANIA ON SEPTEMBER 3

As of the date of writing this, we have driven 49,333 miles so far this furlough year. Most of those miles we were pulling our travel trailer.

We are so grateful to everyone who has invited us to speak this furlough, and made us feel so welcome and appreciated. Thank you.

Pray for Africa.



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A CONTAINER FULL OF LOVE

Container Project 2013: Now We Pray!

A hundred years from now
it will not matter
what your bank account was,
the sort of house you lived in,
or the kind of clothes you wore,

but
the world may be different

because
you were important
in the life of a child.

~ Author Unknown

Gifts came in from all over the country, including NY, NJ, PA, MI, OH, IN, IL, WI, AL and SC. Donations given with love arrived to help Africa's poor in the name of Christ.

It is amazing to watch God's people respond to the needs presented to

them. It makes us so happy to be missionaries. Thank You! Tons of used clothes and shoes, books, yarn, tools, office supplies & paper, and thousands of other items were given. They have all been sorted and processed into double strength cardboard boxes. Some items were purchased with donated funds, like chairs for the Community Center, radio station equipment, and the supplies to build the Beck House.

The time for giving items is over. The doors were locked and the container was put on the ship on June 16. It is the most valuable container we have ever sent. Now it is time to pray.

We ask for prayer to accompany this container as it makes the long journey to Kigoma, Tanzania. ☩



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☺ **Last Call for Doctors for Medical Trip — March, 2014**

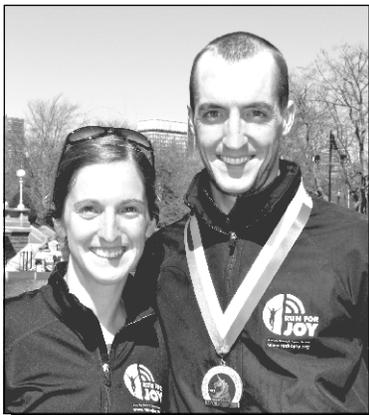
We need to start processing Tanzania medical licenses very soon. We are urgently seeking doctors to join our team to treat the poor. Do you know a Christian doctor?



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

Mission commitment comes in many forms. A gifted runner, Paul committed himself to months of training and running the Boston Marathon to help get *Radio JOY* on the air.

Paul ran like the wind. Supported by the prayers of many who pledged a dollar a mile (or more) toward *Radio JOY* for every mile of



Paul and Sarah Zdroik in their "Run for JOY" uniforms . Paul is wearing his Boston Marathon metal.

the Boston Marathon, Paul and Sarah gave this an all out effort. When Paul crossed the finish line, he was the 56th fastest person on earth. This was his first attempt at the Boston Marathon — what an unbelievable athlete, and person, he is! So far, his fantastic run has brought in over \$9,135. for *Radio JOY*. ☩



TONS AND TONS TO HELP AFRICA

Pictures of the Container Project!



Yarn, Yarn, and more Yarn!



Loading at Carmel IN drop point.



Truck from the East Coast had to upsize mid-trip.



Unpacking a very full East Coast truck from NY, NJ, PA, MI, and OH.



EZ Self Storage in Lynwood IL. Ground zero for processing donations.



Packing container — no wasted space.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What's New With The Radio Station?

Q. What is the current situation with the Radio Station project? (asked many times)

Radio JOY is still in the planning stage, but we have seen some real progress. **Concerning the License,** our friend, John Everett, made a trip to Dar es Salaam to provide more information to the government about our application. The report is that all went well and it seems

that the last step before being granted a license is an interview with me upon my return to Tanzania. **Concerning the equipment,** all, yes ALL, the needed equipment and supplies have been acquired and have been shipped in the ocean container. We praise God for this huge accomplishment of research, shopping, and shipping. We will have high quality

equipment that will give our station reliability. Pray for its safe arrival. **Concerning Volunteers,** God is providing us with qualified people to help at each step. Many of the best and brightest want to see God's word on the airwaves in Tanzania. We need their help! **Concerning Funding,** we walk by faith, not by sight. We need about \$25,000 to get this new station on the air and in the black. ☩

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light... they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest." Isaiah 9:2,3