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March 9, 1998

Dear Friends and Family,

We are two-thirds the way through furlough! I have an overwhelming sense of gratitude for our friends and churches whom we have visited.

We have been on the receiving end of your <u>kindness</u>. We have seen God's people going "all out" for His mission work and missionaries.

With <u>loving labor</u> you have created mission events. The <u>warmth</u> with which you have received us, and <u>your dedication</u> to the work of the Lord has inspired, encouraged, and energized us. You have worried about attendance when the weather was bad. You have poured yourselves into the details of refreshments, meals, bulletins, displays, hosting and housing. Faith promises, offerings, and help are flowing from hearts filled with God's love.

We have seen <u>Jesus in you</u>. That has blessed us.

We haven't completed our speaking yet. Our remaining schedule is on the back of this sheet. If you haven't scheduled a visit, it isn't too late – we'd love to see you.

Our hearts and thoughts are turning to Africa and our return in late summer. A 20 foot container has been purchased to carry the supplies needed for our next term of service. It will also contain relief supplies & clothing for Africans.

Would you like to help? We have enclosed a list of things that could be of great use to the ministry.

Paul said in Philippians 1:3 "I thank my God every time I remember you." We thank God for you.

Love,

Wertzes Speaking Locations (revised as of March 9, 1998)

March, 98		May, 98	
1 AM	Indianapolis, IN	1 PM & 2 AM Zionsville, IN	
7 PM & 8 AN	A Lawrenceburg, IN	2 PM	Terre Haute, IN
8 PM	Beech Grove, IN	3 AM	Indianapolis, IN
11 PM	Indianapolis, IN	3 PM	Attica, IN
13 PM	Danville, IN	8 AM	Chicago, IL
14 & 15 AM	Newburg, IN	10 AM	Erie, IL
18 PM	Tulsa, OK	11 PM	Morrision, IL
21 PM & 22 AM Evansville, IN		16 PM & 17 AM Downers Grove, IL	
22 PM	Salem, IL	24 AM	Crawfordsville, IN
27 PM & 28 AM W. Terre Haute, IN		31 AM	Downers Grove, IL
28 PM	Noblesville, IN		
29 AM (Lowell) Greensburg, IN			
29 AM (Claudia) Noblesville, IN		June, 98	
31 PM	Martinsville, IN	7 AM	Greenfield, IN
		7 PM	Franklin, IN
		14 AM	Haddonfield, NJ
April, 98		14 PM	Cape May
1 PM	Indianapolis, IN		Courthouse,NJ
4 AM (Claud	ia) Women's Retreat	21 AM	Seymour, IN
	Lansing, IL	28 AM	Palos Heights, IL
4 PM & 5 AM Indianapolis, IN			
5 PM	Speedway, IN		
9 PM	Greer, SC		
11 & 12	Sarasota, FL		
14 PM	Orlando, FL		
16	Decatur, GA		
19 AM	Markle, IN		
19 PM	Marion, IN		
22 PM	Maple Park, IL		
23 PM	New Albany, IN		
25 PM	Princeton, IN		
26 AM	Corydon, IN		
26 PM	New Middletown, IN		
29 PM & 30 AM Board Meeting –			
	Lansing, IL		



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ITEMS NEEDED FOR AFRICA

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Used Clothes. Summer weight clothes. Men's clothes of all types including sports coats & suits. Women's clothes except no slacks & shorts.

Children's clothes of all types. All types of shoes. Baseball type caps.

Medical Supplies.

Various types of durable goods, crutches, IV sets, etc. Medicines **must** have a March, 1999 or later expiration date. Used eyeglasses.





Vehicle Parts.
Landrover: shock
absorbers. Landrover
STC 290 front &

STC 291 rear (\$76.18 each) 4 of each needed. Delco battery 34-6 year (\$72.00) 5 tires size 7:50 R 16 with off road tread. Toyota 6000 Truck: 7 tires & tubes with off road tread. 2 batteries. Other parts — break linings, clutch, brake cylinders, springs, diesel engine oil. Call for specs.

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Tools & Hardware.
Power tools of all types.
Air compressor and air tools & spray gun. All

types of hand tools. All types of hardware, nails, nuts & bolts, hinges, etc.

Paint. 95 gallons of flat white latex paint. 60 gallons of white oil based paint. 35 gallons of mobile home roofing paint. 40 gallons of metal primer. Brushes and rollers.



Office Supplies. 8 1/2" x 11" paper — 150 reams of white, 85 reams of cream or light yellow. 36,000 airmail

envelopes. Toner cartridges for H.P. LaserJet 6L & 4V. Current computer equipment & software. 12 volt to 220 v. sine wave inverter and truck type battery to run computers.

Theological Library. Good Christian books, commentaries, Bible Atlases, Bible encyclopedias, etc. Th



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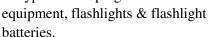
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Construction Supplies.
Ceramic tile and
adhesive for
bathrooms & kitchens,

gutter and down spouts, PVC pipe & fittings (various sizes), rebar, shower stall, Solar Water Heater Model PK-10 (\$1,359.)

Evangelism & Refugee Ministries. Tents, air mattresses or air beds, all types of camping

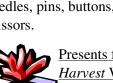




Furnishings. Four twin mattresses, sheets - both fitted & flat - all sizes, pillow cases, light weight

bed spreads - any size, rugs (good condition, any size)

Women's School. Yarn, croquette hooks, knitting needles, material (cotton yard goods), thread, needles, pins, buttons, scissors.



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Music. Musical Instruments of all kinds, especially keyboards & guitars. Also, used choir robes.



Food and Kitchen.
Imported food is very expensive in Tanzania.
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Radio. Coax cable & connectors, antenna wire, heavy duty car battery, battery charger, antenna insulators.

butane soldering iron. Call for specs & sources.

Special Items. Honda heavy duty 5000 watt generator (\$1,999.), replacement Honda



engines for existing generators, 220 to 110 volt transformers, towel kits (soap, hair pick, toothbrush, etc. wrapped in bath towel in ziplock bag)



Container Fund. It costs approximately \$12,500. to purchase and ship a container to Kigoma,

Tanzania. Would you consider helping with this expense? Also, monies given to this fund can be used to purchase items to go into the container. We welcome designated monetary gifts to purchase specific items. We will gladly handle the purchasing of any item you may wish to provide. We are happy to receive monetary gifts to purchase items in honor or memory of a loved one and will do our best to honor or memorialize that person.

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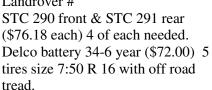
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