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September 2012

Dear Friends and Family,

We are back in America and starting furlough. Our travel trailer needed work before we could use it. A new refrigerator, new tires, and a new mattress are a few of the things that needed replacing. But it sure serves us well, making it possible for us to get to our churches. We have started speaking in New Jersey and New York. We have been wonderfully received. It reminds me of the time a young boy was asked what he wanted to be, when he grew up. He answered, “ a missionary on furlough”.

We got back to the USA as the political campaigns were cranking up to win the fall elections. The sums of money being spent, and all the TV ads, boggle the mind.

Listening to the national conventions, I have been struck by how both main parties are constantly referring to God. Nothing too specific, lest they start losing this constituency or offend that one. But God got mentioned all the time. But is God happy about that?

Each party is giving its visions of how to put things right for the country. Each lauds its ideals and values and points to the other's faults. Each seeks to convince the electorate with propaganda about its qualifications and achievements, why it needs to be the most prominent, and why they need to be in power. Each wants to diminish their opponents, devastate their reputation, and demolish them on election day.

The Man of Galilee used a different approach. He gave up all power and all glory, humbled Himself, and willingly became poor. He forgave His opponents, He washed Judas' feet, served others, and loved all. He came not to rule but to “seek and to save those that are lost.” He needed no political power of His own to get the job done.

When this election process is over, will we be better in our souls or will we be diminished? There will be winners and losers with this election. Cheers, congratulations, and concession speeches. That's politics! But in a greater sense, we could all be losers. Will God want to raise this nation up because of how we selected our leaders?

Was God honored at the conventions or His name just used? God has a platform for a better nation. If His people (not unbelievers) humble themselves, pray, seek His face, turn from their wicked ways, then He will forgive their sins and heal their land.

I vote for this plan.

Love,

Lowell + Claudia

Wertz Fall Speaking Schedule

September	2	Sayville, NY
	8	Lawnside, NJ
	9	Collingswood, NJ
	10	Elwood, NJ
	11	Moorestown, NJ
	15	Cross Roads & New Park, PA
	16	Cross Roads & New Park, PA
	22	Bath, PA
	23	Bath, PA
	30 AM	Atlantic, PA
	PM	Westford, PA
	October	3
7 AM		Mount Pleasant, PA
PM		Madison, PA
9		Corry, PA
10		Corry, PA
11		Franklin, PA
14 AM		Sandy Lake, PA
PM		Oil City, PA
15		Bradford, PA
17		Wesleyville (Erie), PA
19		Zelienople, PA
20		Zelienople, PA
21		Zelienople, PA
22		Washington, PA
28		Woodbury, NJ
November	4	Woxall, PA
	10	Naperville, IL
	11	Naperville, IL
	12	Elkhart, IN
	14	Crossville, TN
	15	Greer, SC
	18	New Palestine, IN
	25 AM	Fowler, IN
	PM	Attica, IN
December	2	Muncie, IN

If you live in NJ or PA and you are not on the calendar, PLEASE email us right away at wertz@joyintheharvest.com and we will do our best to stop by in September or October.

December 2012 through Summer 2013 is still being worked on and will appear in our December newsletter.



Joy in the Harvest

**** SPECIAL EDITION ****



EARLY NOTICE!

Helping Africa: 2013 Container Project

"We make a living
by what we get,
but we make a life
by what we give."

Winston Churchill

A CONTAINER TO BE SHIPPED TO AFRICA IN SUMMER, 2013.

We are making plans to send an ocean shipping container of supplies at the end of our year-long furlough in the USA. We are sending out this list of supplies at this **early date** so that churches and individuals will have time to start gathering items to donate and funds to help us ship them.

We are **not yet receiving items for the container** but we will start receiving donation on May 1, 2013 and end on June 15, 2013. More information on drop-off points will be coming!

The last container of supplies was sent in 2008. It enabled *Joy in the Harvest* to minister to thousands of needy people and provided critical supplies for the mission work in Africa.

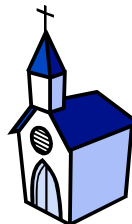
ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE 2013 CONTAINER

This list is not comprehensive. Perhaps you have some items that would be useful but don't appear here. Please send us an email and we can discuss it. Any donated items will help to conserve mission funds. God bless you.



Used Clothes. Summer weight clothes are best. Men's clothes of all types including sports coats & suits. Medium and small sizes are needed the most. Women's clothes (no slacks & shorts). Children's clothes of all types. Especially needed are boys clothes. All types of shoes. Baseball type caps.

Church Supplies. Used choir robes, used pastor's robes, communion service sets and plastic cups. Musical instruments of all types: keyboards, guitars, etc. Amplifiers and speakers for use by choirs.



Computer School Equipment. Laptop computers and iMac, not over 3 years old. They can be Windows or Apple. We will need operating system software and software license information for donated machines.



CHECKLIST

☺ USA Office Address

Joy in the Harvest
P.O. Box 496
Lansing, IL 60438

website: joyintheharvest.com

☺ Lowell & Claudia Wertz Furlough Address

(please send regular mail to the Wertzses through the *Joy in the Harvest* address listed above)

JOY Office: 1-219-365-7908

E-mail address **unchanged**:
wertz@joyintheharvest.com



Refugee and Evangelism Ministries.

Tents, air mattresses or air beds, all types of camping equipment, rain coats, flashlights & flashlight batteries.

Miscellaneous.

Crutches, soccer balls, graduation gowns, eye glasses, over-the-counter medicines (expiration date at least 2014), twin size sheets (flat and fitted)



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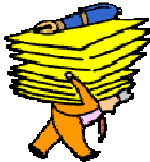
Tools & Hardware.

Power and hand tools of all types. Welding equipment. Electrical tools, soldering equipment. All types of hardware, nails, nuts & bolts, hinges, etc.



Paint. Water-based paint— especially white color. Brushes and rollers.

Office Supplies. Paper: Reams of 8 1/2" x 11" letter size or 8 1/2" x 14" legal size: white (any brand), ivory letter size for newsletters (Xerox brand IVORY # 11525). New ball point pens, paper folding machine (good condition).



Library Books. Good books, Christian books, commentaries, Bible atlases, Bible encyclopedias, etc. We especially need two encyclopedias sets. These books will be used in JOY's new library.

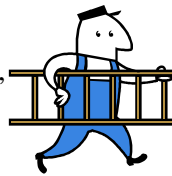
Women's School.

Yarn, yarn and more yarn, croquette hooks, fabric yard goods: at least one yard in size and lightweight material is preferred, scissors.



Construction

Supplies. PVC and CPVC Pipe from 1/2" to 4" and PVC Pipe fittings of all types: sizes 1/2" to 4". Steel stock— new (flat stock, angle iron, rebar), electrical wire, bare copper ground wire, ground rods, new corrugated steel roofing sheets, ladders, and supplies for buildings.



Food and Kitchen.

These items would be considered personal gifts for the Wertz family and no tax deduction is available. Zip lock bags: all sizes, Crystal Light or Wyler's powdered drink mix, Sam's Club canned chicken, cake mixes, Dream Whip, surgar-free Jell-O.



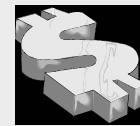
Care Kits.

Towel kits: bar soap, hair pick, toothbrush, toothpaste, wash cloth wrapped in bath towel and sealed in large ziplock bag.



School kits: 3 pencils, 3 ball point pens, spiral notebook, small pencil sharpener, eraser, sealed in large ziplock bag.

Baby kits: Two cloth diapers, plastic pants, diaper pins, T shirt, baby socks, bar of baby soap, small



About this Container Project

It costs approximately \$17,500. to purchase and ship this container to Kigoma, Tanzania. The container can hold 3,040 cubic feet of supplies weighing up to 40,000 pounds.

Would you consider helping with this expense? **Please consider donating \$1.00 per pound for items you are donating.**

We welcome designated gifts toward the shipping expenses of this container. Also, please consider making donations of funds for specialized items (like guest house mattresses, chairs, kitchen cabinets) that need to be purchased and shipped in this container.

The Timeline

The projected shipping date of this container is the middle of July, 2013.



We will start to receive donated items May 1, 2013. Cutoff deadline will be June 15, 2013.



Please pray for

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