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Dear Family and Friends,

The movie “Chariots of Fire” tells the story of two runners. That title comes from the Bible passage 2 Kings 6:9-17. When Elisha the prophet helped Israel’s king avoid his enemies, the enemy king ordered his armies to capture Elisha.

With the enemy’s chariots surrounding Elisha, his servant became frantic. Elisha told him, “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” Elisha prayed and the servant’s eyes were opened. He sees the hills around them are full of “horses and chariots of fire” ready to defend and support them.

Eric Liddell was born to missionary parents in China. He was educated in Scotland from the age of six. By the age of 15 he was winning races and became the fastest runner in Scotland, known as the “Flying Scotsman”. At the Paris Olympics in 1924, he won the 400 meter race, setting a world’s record. He missed two other races because he refused to compete on Sunday.

He returned to China as a missionary in 1925, suffering many things, until his death in 1945 in a Japanese Prisoner of War Camp. When Liddell was offered release from the camp, he gave his release to a pregnant woman. His last words were, referring to the Christian life, “It’s complete surrender.”

Paul and Sarah Zdroik came to Africa for six months to work with *Joy in the Harvest*. Paul told me he came to Africa to learn more about God. Paul is a runner and God made Paul fast! A few weeks ago Paul told me he wanted to use his running for God. So, he will run the **Boston Marathon on April 15th** to raise funds for **Radio JOY**. His run may help put **Radio JOY** on the air in Tanzania. Hundreds of thousands of Africans could be impacted for Christ through such a station.

Maybe we make a mistake of asking too little, instead of too much. This opportunity will come only once. Paul is going to run for God with the hope that others will learn about Him. Can you sense those chariots of fire? Don’t you want to join in?

Love,

Lowell + Claudia

Furlough Speaking Schedule

Apr.	6 & 7	Elyria, OH
	10	Center UMC, Indianapolis, IN
	14 AM	Good Shepherd, Indianapolis, IN
	14 PM	Greenfield, IN Area meeting at Trinity Park UMC
	16	Sterling, IL
	17	Coleta, IL
	18	Lockport, IL
	20	Kokomo, IN
	21 AM	St.Luke's, Kokomo, IN
	21 PM	Zion, Kokomo, IN
	23	Mt.Olive, Indianapolis, IN
	27 & 28	Grace, Franklin, IN
May	5 AM	Old Bethel, Indianapolis, IN
	5 PM	Seymour, IN
	9	Antioch, IL
	12	Trinity, Rensselaer, IN
	19 AM	W Terre Haute, IN
	19 PM	Worthington, IN
	26	Zionsville, IN
	30	Hampshire, IL
Jun.	2	Richland Center, WI
	9	Glenns Valley, Indianapolis IN
	13	Freeport, IL
	16 AM	Hanover, IL
	16 PM	Kent, IL
	17	Rockton, IL
	21	Manhattan, IL
	23 AM	Palos Heights, IL
	23 PM	Elmhurst, IL
	25	Itasca, IL
	30	Leland, IL
Jul.	7 AM	North Judson, IN
	7 PM	Buchanan, MI
	14	Rochester, IN
	18	Polo, IL
	21	Erie, IL
	28	Noblesville, IN
Aug.	4	Marion, IN
	11	Marco Island, FL
	14	Winter Park, FL

(Aug 14 is the end of our speaking)

We are still accepting speaking dates for our remaining time in the USA. If you would like to book an available date, please email us at: wertz@joyintharvest.com



Joy in the Harvest®



CHANGED FROM JUNE 15 TO MAY 15

Container Deadline Changed: May 15!

“Good works is giving to the poor and the helpless, but divine works is showing them their worth to the One who matters.”

Criss Jami, 1987 -
Singer, poet, essayist, philosopher, and businessman.

We have moved the deadline earlier by one month, for making donations for the container project! The new deadline for dropping of donations is now —

May 15

We made this change in order to increase the probability of the container arriving in Tanzania in time for a work team coming in October to help with the construction of the Beck House.

Information about drop points for goods to donate to this project are on the back of this newsletter. Feel free to use the drop point closest to you!

If you need a copy of the container project “needs list” which we printed in September 2012, you can find it online by typing or copying the following link into your browser:

www.joyintheharvest.com/listpdf

Or you can go to our website and follow the links to newsletter archive, and choose Sept. 2012. ✕



CHECKLIST

☺ **USA Office and Wertz USA Furlough Contact Info.**

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☺ **Our Websites**

www.joyintheharvest.com
www.radiojoy.org

☺ **Radio Station License**

John Everett, a former guest, is in Dar es Salaam on a special trip, just to push our radio station application paperwork! Pray for him!



WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST

The Boston Marathon will be run on April 15, 2013! Over 20,000 runners, Heartbreak Hill, the world’s elite runners — the race of all races — now being run to put Radio JOY on the air in Africa!

Paul and Sarah Zdroik, married only few weeks, volunteered their service to *Joy in the Harvest* in Tanzania for six months. Paul is



Paul Zdroik wins the Milwaukee Marathon in 2012. Hey EVERYONE, sponsor Paul!!!!

now taking on the best runners in the world, to raise funds to get **Radio JOY** on the air. He seeks sponsors (YOU!) willing to give a dollar a mile (\$26) if he completes the race. If you can, make a second pledge of another \$26 if Paul finishes in the top 40 runners. Paul will run his heart out, against the best in the world, for it. Go to www.radiojoy.org to pledge! And cheer for Paul and Radio JOY! ✕



FROM MARCH 15 TO MAY 15

Container Project Donations “Drop-Off Points”

Lynwood, Illinois

This is the location from which the container will be shipped.

EZ Self Storage of Lynwood
9600 Stoney Island Ave
Lynwood IL Call 312-576-0857
for appointment to be met there.

Carmel, Indiana

Carmel Drive Self Storage
550 West Carmel Drive
Carmel IN
Tues - Fri. 9 AM to 6 PM
Sat 9 AM to 3 PM

Get the key for our unit E022, and the gatecode, at the Self Storage office. Be sure to **return the key** to the office!

East Coast (including NY, NJ, and PA)

Jack and Diane Althouse, will be driving a U-Haul truck from eastern PA to IL in late May. They will be stopping at other east coast drop-off points to collect goods.

They may be able to arrange to make a stop at your church along the way, or meet you at some point while making their trip.

Call Diane Althouse at 610-246-1421 to make arrangements.

Western Pennsylvania (north of Pittsburgh)

Harmony-Zelienople United Methodist Church
123 North Pittsburgh St.
Zelienople PA

Call Patti (mission chair) at 724-584-8364. or the church office at 724-452-7670. Donations go in designated space in green trailer.

Southern New Jersey

First United Methodist Church
1 Church Street
Cape May Court House NJ

Call John or Dennise Reardon at 609-465-7852 or the church office at 609-465-7087.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

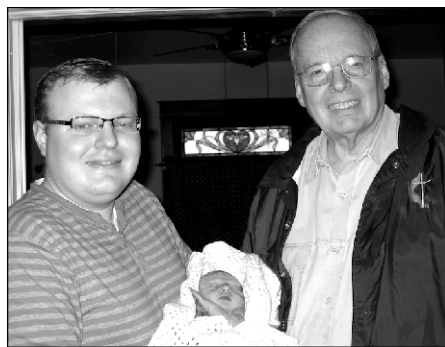
Questions Asked This Furlough

Q. When do you plan on going back to Africa? (asked dozens of times!)

A. We plan to return to Tanzania the beginning of September, 2013.

Q. Did your son and his wife have their baby yet?

A. Luke and Kara had a baby boy, Levi, on December 11, 2012. Mom and baby are doing fine!



Orvis Lowell Wertz and Orvis Luke Wertz, presenting — Orvis Levi Wertz!

Q. Do you have any special needs for your mission work? (asked this past Sunday)

A. Loved that question! **Radio JOY** is our front burner project. We have to buy the equipment and get it in the container by May 31. Please support Paul's run! Also, in March, 2014 we are planning to have a medical work team. We need **Christian doctors** for this two week general medical trip.

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

Support **Radio JOY!**

1 runner...

1 radio station...

1+ million people hearing the Gospel!



Help Joy in the Harvest launch its new radio ministry by supporting Paul Zdroik, who will run the Boston Marathon for Jesus Christ on April 15th. Paul is seeking sponsors for the twenty-six mile event (\$1 per mile). He hopes his run will enable the first Christian Radio Station in western Tanzania—Radio JOY—to become a reality. Paul is a great runner. **God made him fast!**

Here's more to cheer about. To inspire Paul to run even faster, you can pledge a second dollar per mile (another \$26) if he finishes in the TOP 40 of the over 20,000 runners (which includes the world's elite runners), an almost unthinkable goal. He will run the race of his life for that second pledge!

Go to **www.radiojoy.org** and sign up to support this great cause and then follow Paul's progress online. You can get training updates prior to the race, and on race day, follow him mile after mile as he runs through Boston and faces the feared "Heartbreak Hill." Cheer for him, pray for him, and for Radio JOY. Pledge your support and help put Radio JOY on the air.

Go Paul, with God's speed!

www.radiojoy.org



Paul Zdroik wins the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon