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Dear Partners in Ministry,

We cannot express how much we appreciate your love, prayers and financial support for our ministry! All that is accomplished to God's glory is because you have partnered with us.

This past month, I, (Bob), have been in Florida, Oregon and Seattle working with churches to help church planters and churches become what God desires. The first two weeks of November I was in Thailand and India. God put a tremendous team of pastors and leaders together to help train more than 400 church planters, pastors and missionaries from 11 countries and many language groups. This training is part of the vision of *Relighting The Fire Ministries*. I helped in the speaking and conducting workshops designed to help and encourage the courageous and faithful servants of Christ. Your faithful support has made this possible as you partner in impacting America and Asia.

During my time in Asia, I heard from pastors first hand about the persecution of Christians. Perhaps you have heard about the Northern India village of Orissa. The violence and killing of Christians there is hard to believe. Christians have been forced into refugee camps that they are not allowed to leave. The 3 pastors who came to part of our conference were able to do so using medical passes. They could only be gone for two days which included long train trips to come. Hindus who have been persecuting the Christians will not allow them to return to their village unless they denounce Christ, and even then, their safety is not guaranteed. Please pray for these dear brothers and sisters that they will not lose heart and will be strong in Christ. Also, pray for the quieting down of the Hindu violence and animosity.

The Asian church planters, pastors and missionaries have given of themselves for the sake of the gospel under great stress, and it makes what we experience here in America seem very tiny in comparison. While in Thailand, all of the people groups told me that I fit in there. I was warmly received, and spent a lot of time building relationships with many of them. Our team has been asked to return, and other people groups who traveled to be with us have asked us to come to their countries. i.e. Nepal, Nigeria and a state in Northern India, among others. The need for encouragement and training is great.

The end of October we were able to move into our permanent condo, and the new address is listed at the top of this page. We are still downsizing from boxes, and are having a garage sale this weekend at a friend's home. We are glad to be getting settled, and want to be out of boxes soon!

Jean's lung issues have greatly improved here, however, she has had some stomach ailments requiring some testing, as well as leg numbness, so we would appreciate your prayers in that regard.

Bob is also in the elder process at our church, Harambee. We have greatly appreciated their love and support as we have been getting settled into our new home. They challenge us every day in their great technological expertise, and we keep trying to learn and stay abreast of things.

We will try to keep you informed so you can pray. We need your prayers! Again, we appreciate and love every one of you. Please look for pictures of Bob's trip on our website in the next several weeks.

Please note that monetary gifts are written to Harambee, with Relighting The Fire Ministries written in the memo section of the check, so it will go to our account. The address for Harambee is 316 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Renton, WA 98055.

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*Bob & Jean*



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Pastors, Wives  
and Helpers  
India



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