



One Lord. One Life. One Calling.

Fall/Winter

THANKSGIVING!

"Like a rare jewel in a tarnished setting, Thanksgiving gleams out brightly from its dull environment of somber skies and frost-swept earth --- the gladdest and the saddest month of twelve. Another year with its blessings and its burdens has slipped backwards from our grasp, and, with hands and hearts full of varied experiences, we gather once more for the annual festival..."

(Streams in the Desert 2)

Ps. 116:12-14 is our point of view. "What can I offer to the Lord for all He has done for me! I will lift up a cup symbolizing His salvation. I will praise the Lord's name for saving me. I will keep my promise to the Lord in the presence of all His people." The enclosed bookmark is in appreciation of your love, prayers and financial support during our 50 yrs. with OMS.

Thank you! Thank you!

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50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Greeting Friends:

September 3, the precise day of our 50th wedding anniversary, we were in Olean, NY, 38 miles from home, to see our dermatologist. No problems there, ☺☺--thank the Lord, so we went to Beef and Barrel, a choice restaurant for a quiet lunch to remember together God's faithfulness. We found out that sharing our experience was a strong witness for our Lord.

Saturday, September 11, **Matt** and family came from Rochester to be with us, attend Sunday worship and take us out to eat. We were quietly awaiting their arrival when we heard other voices.



Linda, from Orlando, FL, and **Glenn**, from Salem/Keizer, OR, walked in all excited. We had told them not to come due to distance, time and cost. Sometimes our children just won't listen to their parents?? Moon Winks was the restaurant of choice, where a good number of family and friends joined to celebrate. Following the buffet dinner Linda brought out a large basket, a card shower of 188 cards. Some of them she read in front of us, while the others we are reading little by little as the weeks go by.

Thank you to all who wrote beautiful remembrances from decades past.

EVER ONWARD



Next, we joined the 672nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion Reunion October 1-3. Seven of our family (Arlene and Ken Elkins, **Hudson** and Lucy Hess, **Bruce** and Donna Hess and Lois Lupole) celebrated the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Los Banos (February 23, 1945), our camp for 11 months. Seven veterans plus wives, children and grandchildren attended. Fifty-four in all were at the closing banquet in Naperville (Chicago), IL, at the Holiday Inn Select. It was totally an overwhelming emotional experience.

Fifty-four amphibious tractors, the US 11th Airborne and Filipino guerilla forces liberated 2,147 prisoners of war. Dwight Clark, one of the drivers, says, "... (these veterans) volunteered for a mission that is to this day celebrated as one of the most memorable and successful raids in military history."

We continue to meet with these men and their families, year by year, to say "thank you" because they were willing to lay their lives on the line to liberate us after years of internment.

Note: Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of "Captured," written by Arlene Hess Elkins, which tells the story, may write us. (\$5.00 plus postage)

ONE MISSION SOCIETY HOUSE AT HOUGHTON

It was
September



13-18, during the fall semester at Houghton College (HC), that Chuck Long and Don Thomas tackled the painting job and many other repairs for the OMS house. Pastor Todd and his wife Mary, who presently live there, appreciated all the work that was done. It looks beautiful doesn't it?

The question which I and others have is, "When will the Lord send the OMS personnel to come, live and work there?"

The Houghton Ministry Center (HMC) needs your continued prayer. In the meantime Bruce and Donna continue to direct the HMC, and people like Chuck and Don keep the OMS place in repair.



*"Thanks **Chuck**, for the work you have done this fall, and Lord willing we will see you in the spring."*

STUDENT ASSISTANT TO BRUCE AND DONNA



Maria Masemore is from Barto, PA, south of Allentown, PA. It's a delight to have her on campus working with us. She loves people, loves the Lord and loves missions. Her academic focus is on Intercultural Studies, TESOL and Spanish. Having grown up in a mission-focused church, knowing OMS missionaries who did conferences there every year, being influenced by church members John and Lois Schultz, and working 2½ months with Kim and Guido Orellana in Ecuador, she is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about God's work in the US and abroad. She welcomes your prayers for her studies, finances to study at HC and work on campus with OMS and HMC. She is a freshman.

Finally, she was a promoter for and took an active part in the **ONEWEEKEND Retreat** in Greenwood, IN, (OMS Headquarters.), November 5-7 where 11 HC students went to explore how to fit into missions. Please add Maria to your prayer list.

Thanksgiving and Christmas blessings,

Bruce and Donna



CHRISTMAS

(Luke 2:7)

"The wonder of Christmas is its simplicity. There is Mary the mother, and there is Joseph to whom she was betrothed. Plain and simple folk, these, even as you and I.

There are the shepherds—the first Christmas congregation. Humble folk, these; folks who lived close to the things God made—the earth the carpet for their feet, the sun and stars their coverings."

*from a Christmas letter
(Streams in the Desert 2)*

MOTIVES FOR PRAISE & PRAYER

1. HC graduates who need our prayer for work to pay off loans and direction for future ministry: Jon & Shelby Wilson, Jill Stewart, Steve Ross and others.
2. Those from this area who went overseas this year: Hanna Markley, Uruguay; John & Tricia Fraser, Hungary; Fred and Jen Feliciano, South Pacific.
3. October 8-10 Bruce and Donna took part celebrating 93 yrs. of ministry for Donna's church in Aliquippa, PA. The theme was *Celebrating the Past and Navigating the Future*.
4. Ask God to provide finances for Bruce and Donna's support this year end. As of September they were \$2,158 in deficit.
5. Pray for the HMC advisors board meeting in late January 2011.
6. Remember the prayer requests mentioned elsewhere in this letter.

(Hebrews 4:16: "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace...")