

The Oliver Family Newsletter

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Back to Bible School

Many of you may recall that Paula and I met at New Tribes Bible Institute in Jackson, Michigan back when we enrolled in 1988. As singles who were over age 24, we were both deemed members of the "Oldie Moldy" club, which provided opportunity to participate in various fun activities with other "older" singles on a friendship basis. Paula and I developed a friendship and grew in love with each other, leading to our engagement and marriage in 1989; We spent our last semester there as a married couple and graduated in 1990, moving on to the next phase of missionary training.

Back in those days, the Jackson Bible School barely had a computer. They've come a long ways since then, though, and now have a number of computers networked together, with various programs in use for student records, grades, email, word processing, spreadsheets, and accounting. For several years now, they have been using our NTM Field Accounting system (written in FoxPro for DOS) as an interim solution for their accounting needs.

The finance office at the Bible Institute has recently requested that we install our NTM Accounting & Administrative (NTMAA) system (currently in use at NTM Headquarters, NTM Aviation, and New Tribes Language Institute) at NTBI Jackson also. I am planning to travel up to Jackson, Michigan for a short visit from April 22-26 (to better understand their existing accounting processes and to demo our NTMAA system) and to return in June or July for the actual installation of the NTMAA system.

I really appreciate the opportunity to work with folks at various locations and leverage the work we have done here (in designing and programming the NTMAA system) to meet needs and help folks at locations around the world. Thank you for being part of our team as we serve with many others as part of the New Tribes Mission team.

Could you use a Luggage Tag?

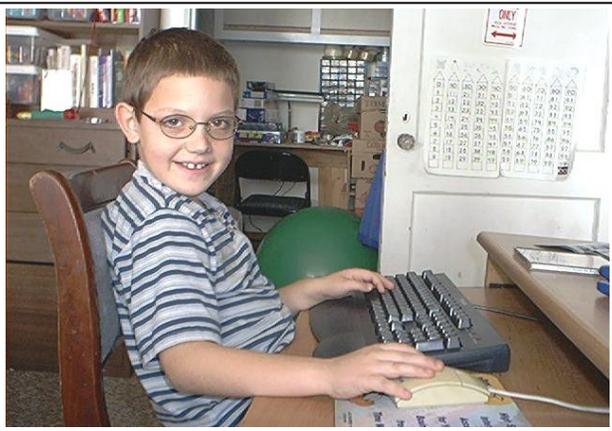
We have recently purchased a laminating machine and would like to offer you a laminated business card luggage tag as a small gift from us. If you could use a luggage tag, please send us two copies of your business card (one to laminate and one extra). We will laminate one of the cards into a luggage tag and send it back to you; if you could possibly enclose a self-addressed return envelope, that would be a help to us. (By the way, if you don't have a business card, but would like some, you might check out www.vistaprint.com; they offer 250 free business cards with a small shipping fee.)

New Email Address & Phone Number

A while back our old email service, mail.com, started charging a fee to forward our email. This year they raised the fee by 50% and so we decided it was time to make a change. Our new email address is now JPOLiver@WithAWeb.com.

Also, with the availability of our own DID (Direct Inward Dial) phone number through NTM headquarters, we have been able to save a little money by disconnecting our old BellSouth line. If any of you still have our old phone number in your address book, please note that our new home phone number is 407-547-2512.

Speaking of savings, we recently opened an online savings account with ING Direct (www.ingdirect.com). Their Orange savings account has no monthly fees, no minimum balance, and pays 2.30% interest. They currently have a promotion where they will give you \$25 when you open a new account (using a special link) and a small bonus when you refer anyone else who opens a new account. If you are interested, let us know and we can have them email you the special link.



Thanks for your love, prayers, encouragement, and support. Thanks too for your letters, cards, and emails.

We are enjoying good health at present and are encouraged as Hannah continues to progress in her speech and development. We have some prayer requests on our web site, www.JPOLiver.com. Let us know how we can be praying for you as well.

Your missionaries,

John, Paula, Nicholas, Joy, and Hannah Oliver ☺