

The Oliver Family Newsletter

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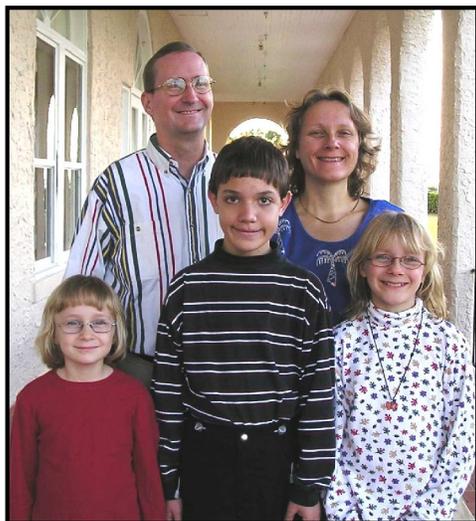
New Tribes Mission of Canada

New Tribes Mission has become quite an international organization, with missionaries coming from many countries around the world. One of our closest international partners is New Tribes Mission of Canada, headquartered in Durham, Ontario. Just as our missionary staff at NTM US Headquarters provides various support services to our U.S. missionaries around the world, so does NTM Canada provide support services to our Canadian co-workers around the world. Just as NTM U.S. needs a good Accounting & Administrative system (i.e., our NTMAA system), so does our NTM Canada headquarters.

We visited NTM Canada headquarters in June 2006, spending some time learning their existing processes and introducing our NTMAA system to them. Since then we have been working on enhancing our system to better meet their needs. We have added a Ministry Expense Claim (MEC) subsystem, new payroll processing programs, a program to create an Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) donation file, and a number of other enhancements, big and small.

In June of this year, we traveled up to Canada again and were able to do some on-site testing of our NTMAA system and provide further training for their finance office staff. We had written programs to import their general ledger, statement accounts, donor/customer file, and vendor table, so these were all put to the test. They practiced creating cash receipts, cash disbursements (checks or cheques, depending on which country you're from), and account transfers. We tested the new MEC subsystem and our purchasing/inventory/sales subsystem (which will be used by their bookstore), and ran through our month-end process, which included the new Canadian payroll programs. It was a very busy, but very profitable time, as the system worked well, but we were able to identify approximately 130 additional (needed or desirable) enhancements.

At present, then, we have been working on those 130 enhancements (and we have even thought of a few more since then). Lord willing, my co-worker, Nathan Whatley, and I plan to return in early October for two weeks to re-install our newly enhanced NTMAA system, import their data again, help with the actual transition to our NTMAA system, and provide their finance office staff with further training as they start using our system. We would appreciate your prayers for guidance as we finish up the enhancements and for a smooth transition to our NTMAA system at our NTM Canada headquarters.



Books of the Bible

Do you know the names of the books in the Bible, in order? It's easy to forget the order of the Old Testament books. To help memorize them, we've had some free Old & New Testament Bible books cards printed and have enclosed a pair for you.

We've also added an interesting Bible books puzzle to our website at www.JPOliver.com/biblebooks.htm. It's a short story with all the Bible books hidden in it. See how many you can find; the solution is on our website also. (Example: *Truthfully, from answers we get, it's a most remarkable puzzle with six books lurking somewhere in this sample. Are you among those able to find them?*)

In Other News

- ◆ Nicholas has been wearing his **braces** for over two years now; his teeth are looking quite nice and we expect that his braces will be coming off soon, perhaps in time for his 14th birthday (October 1). Meanwhile, Joy had her 10th birthday on June 28 and the orthodontist is talking about braces for her.
- ◆ **We thank the Lord** that Paula's heels are doing much better! We would appreciate your prayers for John's step mom, Kelly Oliver, who has been going through a number of health problems.
- ◆ We want to thank our friends at **Calvary Missionary Press** for their ministry of printing & mailing our newsletters for the past 16 years. CMP is planning to close up shop at the end of 2007, so please check our website (www.JPOliver.com) for ministry news and prayer requests, and/or **let us know** if you would like to receive periodic updates by email.

Thanks for your love, prayers, and support! If we haven't heard from you in a while, or even if we have, please write or email us (JPOliver@WithAWeb.com) to let us know what's going on in your life and how we can be praying for you also.

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

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