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## Seasons of Change

by Judy Joss

Time has a way of passing far too quickly and with this passage of time, it is hard to believe that March of 2025 marked my fortieth year working in the Couriers for Christ ministry. It is an understatement to say there have been many changes throughout those years! Early days were spent smuggling Bibles behind the iron curtain and working with underground national pastors bringing us up to the present where we are seeing container loads of scripture going into not only former communist countries but into various other parts of the world!

My part in all of this has been bookkeeping and keeping you informed through our newsletters. Recently, the financial aspect of CFC was handed over to another very capable gal, but the newsletter layout and graphics still belong to me. When the ministry was founded by my brother Don, our mom would enter support checks onto a ledger sheet, and I found it intriguing (keep in mind that I was in middle school at this time). The Couriers ministry gripped my heart having grandparents immigrate from Germany and Russia to the United States and my desire was to someday be a part of the bookkeeping, newsletter creations, and possible foreign field missions for the ministry. During my senior high school speech, I announced my desire to work in CFC. Following high school were two years of School of the Scriptures training and grooming by our church treasurer to take over the books. (He literally handed the checkbook to me and said, "You are now responsible for the finances for CFC." That was a bit intimidating!) Soon after the responsibility of the newsletter was handed over to me as well.

The books were kept in a ledger and figured with a calculator. All reports were typed on an old IBM typewriter and submitted to the church for the annual business meeting. I graduated to several bookkeeping computer programs throughout the years with the help of many capable church folk, and



Top photos: Judy in CFC office 1988; Judy present day  
Center: Laura, Tricia, and Judy singing for church in St. Petersburg, Russia  
Above: Russia Inland group September 2001 (Judy's first CFC mission trip)

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# ... The Time Is at Hand

by Joshua Stertz



As you read this newsletter, by God's provision and grace, we will be with a team of 28 Americans from multiple US states on the Hope for the Valley Campaign in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. In late September, a container filled with Portuguese Bibles and booklets of John and Romans arrived safely in country. Thank you for your prayers and sacrificial giving that enable us to spread the word of God around the world. We have two evangelistic services planned as part of the Scripture Distribution Campaign. The first will be held on November 2 and the second on November 7. Please pray down Satanic strongholds on those days, for obstacles to be removed that would keep people from attending the services, that hearts would be tender to the message of the gospel, that the Holy Spirit would empower Missionary Nathan Ring as he preaches, and that many souls would be saved as a result. It is our plan to canvass four cities while we are in Rio Grande do Sul with John and Romans while giving them written invitations to the services. I have shared in previous articles how this region was adversely affected by a massive flood in April of 2024. As a result, much property was damaged/destroyed and many lives were lost throughout the valley in which the four cities are located. It is our desire to share with them the hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ that will never fail them—even in total loss and death. ***"Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast..."*** Hebrews 6:19 We implore you to help us reach these people over the next week by praying fervently for us. This trip has been in the making for well over two years but in a few short days it will be over. We pray that the fruit of this outreach will be eternal for the glory of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The time is at hand to pray, to work, and to watch the Lord work in the hearts of Brazilians. ***"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..."*** Colossians 4:3



Top left: Team after unloading over 300,000 John and Romans and several thousand Bibles  
Top right: Looking forward to working with several generations of Rings  
Above: We witnessed this new believer's baptism  
Left: Josh speaking in new church plant

# Staff Update

*John and Esther Meyer*

by John Meyer

Esther and I have had a busy calendar year of traveling. Recently, we have been in Mississippi, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Lots of driving has given us many blessed experiences as we have visited some wonderful churches. In Mississippi, we met wonderful people serving the Lord and are grateful for a new partner church in Picayune.

While in Elkton, Maryland, we got to join Maranatha Baptist Church as they honored a couple that served in the church for 60 years. I am thankful for the skills God has given me as a service technician as I was able to help them out by fixing a dryer. We also spent some time at Pine Grove Baptist Church in Marlton, New Jersey, where we had not only opportunities to go soul-winning with the great people there but also fixed their outside water spigot. The fervency and faithfulness of the church members was a great encouragement to us. Both of these churches voted to partner with us monthly and we could not be more pleased. While in New Jersey, we had a meeting in a church that is reaching inner city Camden, New Jersey. Trying to reach the inner city is a challenging task, yet Inner City Baptist Church is doing an excellent job, and we enjoyed meeting everyone there.

On the way home, we had an issue with the truck and were delayed for a couple of days in Valparaiso, Indiana. We were a few hours from home when we saw a lot of smoke in the rear-view mirror. I stopped and saw that there was a big puddle of oil underneath our Excursion. We went to the Lord in prayer and managed to get our vehicle to a church via roadside assistance where I could look at it in depth. The fault was a bad sensor leaking substantial amounts of oil. With the help of a diesel mechanic from a neighboring church, we were back on the road. However, because of the delay, we had an opportunity to schedule a future meeting with another church. We encouraged the tow truck driver (who seemed to be saved) to be faithful to a good church and participated in a worker's seminar at the local church. God has grown us through the experiences that we have had while on the road whether they seemed to be good or bad at the time. In the past we would have been really stressed out, but this time we knew God had a plan. He wanted us there for a

reason and we were glad to fulfill his purpose.

We are looking forward to taking an active part in the Hope for the Valley Scripture Distribution Campaign in southern Brazil the end of this month with missionary Nathan Ring and the rest of the Couriers staff. Please pray for protection, for precious souls to be saved, and for a church to be established as a result of our labors. It is a blessing to be the arms and legs of our partner churches by taking the gospel to the regions beyond.

***"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," Ephesians 3:20***



finally all payroll, reports, and support checks were generated through the computer. All of this was a learning experience!

The newsletter evolved in a similar fashion by completing graphics design on a typewriter where cut and paste were done by hand using an exacto knife on a light board, to a word processor, to a computer using a floppy disc operating system, and finally to a computer using a Windows-based operating system. Now we use a fancy program that has plenty of bells and whistles—most of which I have yet to navigate.

Throughout this journey I married and had two children and now I also work with my husband Eric in The Master's Craftsmen ministry. The Lord knows my heart, and he will direct my path just as he promises to do. If it is his will, my heart's desire will keep me working with CFC for as long as he allows. Working with my family and others in CFC has been a joy and has provided me with a lifetime of church ministry work. God has been so good to me, and I would like to thank all of you who support CFC--I have met many of you, and I feel as though I know others through the Couriers' representatives. A special thank you goes to my brother Don and his wife Laura for treating me above and beyond throughout the years and now my thanks go to Josh and his wife Kelli for treating me above and beyond as well. May we keep on keeping on together!

With heartfelt gratitude and love in Christ,

*Judy Joss*



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