

The BEAM

ARMS Christian
Fellowship Group



Fall 2009



Tim, KE0Q/DU9 and Gloria Hagquist serving in the Philippines. Photo taken at a tribal wedding in Hope Mountain February 2009.

We are currently in the United States for a short Home Assignment and spent August in Minnesota. We then travelled west through Colorado where we spent time at the WorldVenture headquarters and then visited some of our supporters while travelling to Arizona. Kingman, AZ is our home base as we visit churches and supporters in Arizona and California.

Our responsibilities in the Philippines were very heavy prior to our departure so we were exhausted by the time we arrived in Minnesota. We're thankful that the Lord allowed us to get a little rest prior to traveling westward. Timothy's brothers live in Minnesota so it was good to spend time with them and visit with some good friends while enjoying the beauty and serenity of the

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PTL another contest
done for a year!



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(Local time: Frequency in MHz)

Eastern.....Mon & Thurs, 0700Z 3.907
Sat, 0900Z

Southeast.....Sat, 0900Z 3.900

Midwest.....Sat, 0830Z 3.905

South Central.....Sat, 0800Z 7.2265

Rocky Mountain..Sat, 0700Z 3.805

Southwest.....Sat, 0945 7.233

Northwest.....Thurs, 0700Z 3.965

20-Meter.....Mon-Sat, 1500Z (ST) 14.3075
1400Z (DT)

Halo Net.....Daily, 1800Z 21.390

20 Meter Net Control Managers

Monday.....Jay, KCØORJ, Bolivar, MO

Tuesday.....Ora, KE7BF, Grandview, WA

Wednesday.....Ken, AL7AX, Congress, AZ

Thursday.....Denis, WD4ACH, Knoxville, TN

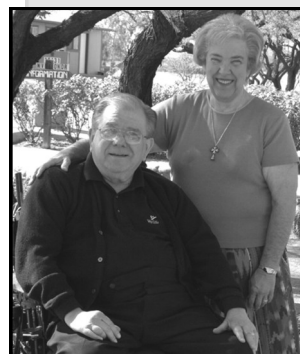
Friday.....Boyce, K5VSP, Cash, AR

Southwest Section Report: Don Jensen, KC7WV

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." Proverbs 3: 6

Our **Jensen Journal** - "a record of happenings" has become Jensen's Journey - "a passage from one experience to another." Since we last wrote, there's only one word to describe our journey-BUSY! Here are some of the places the Lord has taken us on our journey: **Home-Going Pathway:** On September 30, Sharon's dad went home to be with the Lord who he had so faithfully served for most of his 93+ years. While we rejoice for him, we weep for us. Sharon is the executor of his estate which has been time consuming.

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Minnesota lake country. Right after Thanksgiving we will travel back to Minnesota and then fly back to the Philippines via Tokyo in early December.

Prayer and praise requests:

- Praise the Lord for the safety He has given us in travel, for needed rest and time to be with family and friends.
- Praise the Lord that Gloria's dad came home from the hospital so we could celebrate his 83rd birthday.
- **Pray for our fellow missionaries and the people of the Philippines. They have been devastated by the recent typhoons and flooding.** You may contact WorldVenture (www.worldventure.com) if you would like to contribute to the relief efforts.
- Pray for strength and health as we travel in the U.S., visiting supporters and churches.
- Pray that the Lord would meet our support needs. Due to some deaths and the economic crisis in the U.S. we have lost some support. We need about \$575 per month additional support. Pray for the following: Four people or churches at \$50/month, 9 at \$25/month, and 15 at \$10/month. If the Lord leads you to be part of our support team, you may contact WorldVenture through the web at www.worldventure.com, or call them at 1-800-487-4224. We are required to have full support before we're authorized by WorldVenture to return to the field.
- Pray that we will communicate clearly the challenges of missions in the Philippines and around the world to the people we share with during our Home Assignment. And pray that the Lord will raise up workers to serve Him. **"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers in His harvest field"** (Luke 10:2 - NASB).
- Pray for **Mike & Ghed Miguel**. They are appointees with WorldVenture and are scheduled to join us as ministry partners in Mindanao in early 2010. Pray that the Lord will raise up their support and they will get them to the field quickly. We desperately need their expertise and help.
- Pray for **Sandy Eckelberry** as she continues to work with Filipino nationals in missions mobilization and coordination short-term mission teams. Also pray for **Dess Ventura** as she carries a heavy load in managing Hope Mountain while we are on Home Assignment.
- **Above all, pray that the Lord will be glorified in our lives and through the ministry He has given us.**

Silent Key: Bill Smith, KI7XT

Billie "Bill" Lee Smith, 85, died Monday August 2, 2009 in Phoenix, AZ. A graveside service with military honors was held at 11 am Saturday at Hawthorne Memorial Gardens with a memorial service following at 1 pm in River Valley Community Church with Pastor Dar Wobler officiating. He was born May 18, 1924 in Salina, KS and graduated from Grants Pass (OR) High School. During WW II he was in the navy for three

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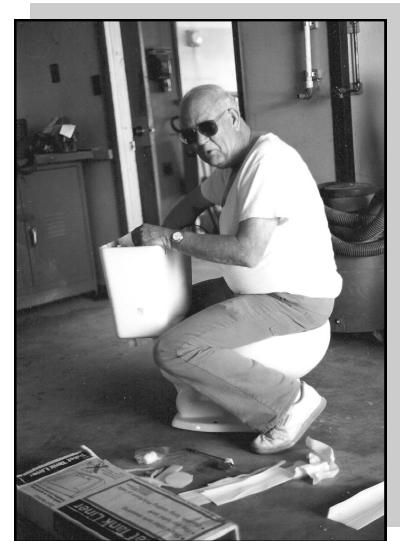
She'll be able to finish up all the details by the end of this month. **Hospitality Place**; We were able to open our home to Sharon's sister and her coworker, missionaries in Hawaii, from September 2008 to April 2009 as a base for their furlough time on the Mainland. We have also had the pleasure of sharing many meals and fellowship with other missionaries, ham radio operators, family and friends-new and old. **Holiday Drive**; Joy of joys! Grandpa and Grandma J finally got to meet 14-month-old Logan the week before Thanksgiving when David and Sarah brought him to Tucson for a visit. How delightful! We celebrated an early Thanksgiving dinner with them and Sarah's parents. December 26, snow greeted 17 of Sharon's family members as they arrived for Christmas dinner. What fun for the kids and kids-at-heart; snowmen, snowballs, cactus needles in fingers, food, and fellowship! Christmas music overflowed our hearts and minds as we enjoyed several Christmas musicals, choirs, and cantatas, blessing us with the wonder of Jesus' birth.

Income Tax Freeway; Put on your seatbelt and get ready for a fast and busy ride! Don has prepared over 250 tax returns this year so far, checked over many who had done their own, answered questions by phone, e-mails, and personal visits. This was his busiest year ever! Praise the Lord for good health and for the Christian software company who sells him their professional tax program at a discount because he uses it for missionaries and pastors. **Seminar Route**; Sharon co-coordinated three

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years and in 1947 he married Eva "Jean" Smith who preceded him in death on January 29, 2007. He worked for many years as a broadcaster and engineer for many radio stations and retired in 1985. Survivors include two daughters, Susan Miller (Phoenix) and Melinda Versdesca (San Diego); son Steve Smith (Kirkland WA), two sisters, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Courtesy: Bob Hambly, WA7BYD



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seminars at our Catalina Center. **Care Court**; Sharon coordinates meals for colleagues with special needs. **Church Street**; This is a special street to us on our journey. Don attends the bi-monthly men's Bible study, the deaconate study, and helps the church treasurer if needed. Sharon enjoyed a women's Bible study on Daniel this past winter and spring. She's now involved with the Tapestry ministry which is helping the Women's and Children's program at the Gospel Rescue Mission. Sharon had the opportunity to attend the installation service of the new pastor at her home church on June 7. **Family Fun Parkway**; We enjoy our kids and grandkids as they grow in various areas of their lives. Tayler (Don's granddaughter) who is 11 received her first communion at Easter time and is now going to confirmation classes. Hanna (Sharon's granddaughter) graduated from high school and has received a full softball scholarship to

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Central Section Report

Being new to ARMS and having volunteered to be the central section manager, I have a lot of learning to do. I'll not repeat here what is presented in the "New Member" section about me in the web site. What I will say is that as a Christian, I was really excited to learn that there was an organization like ARMS on the ham airwaves for a person like me to become involved with.

In his introduction email, Gerry, K4RBZ, asked me to present some of my goals and some my future plans for the Central Section. I'll approach it this way, I am open to all suggestions. I do feel that a section net is of great importance. Also, some face-to-face social activities should also be part of the plans.

As to the section net, as soon as I can get my HF rig up and on the air, I'll try my hand at the section net. I am hoping for a power-up date the end of August for my HF rig. My 2M fm rig is up and working very well. As a parting thought, would a 2M fm net in the local area be of interest to anyone?

Yours with the Lord's blessings,

"Dr. Doug"
Schipull,
KC9OMS



The Amateur's Creed.....

Considerate...never knowingly uses the air in such a way to lessen the pleasure of others. Loyal...offers loyalty, encouragement and support to their fellow radio amateurs, their local radio club, and to the American Radio Relay League, through which Amateur Radio is represented. Progressive...with knowledge abreast of science. It is well-built and efficient. Operating practice is above reproach. Friendly...slow and patient sending when requested, friendly advice and counsel to the beginner, kindly assistance, cooperation and consideration for the interests of others. These are marks of the amateur spirit. Balanced...radio is their hobby. They never allow it to interfere with any of the duties they owe to their home, job, church, school, or community. Patriotic...their knowledge and their station are always ready for the service of his/her country and their community.

Provided by Lee Giddens, KM4GQ (Fayetteville NC)

Net Manager's Report: Boyce, K5VSP

Greeting's to all, as another day that the Lord made is upon us. As we wait for propagation to get better we continue to struggle with our net's, which to me is always interesting mostly because we know that the Lord is in control of it all. As Ken, AL7AX would say about it, "Well Praise the Lord". I do want to thank all the control operators along with all the ones who helped with relay's, without which we wouldn't be able to operate. Just "hang in there" as they say, propagation is got to get better. Check the inside cover of The Beam for a listing of the Net Control Operators.

We still need to pause a few seconds after transmitting to give people a chance to check in or say "Hi" to others. Thanks' to all those who check in from day to day. That help's the rest of us to go on, as we always enjoy hearing everyone.

God bless all,
Boyce Guffey, K5VSP

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South Central Section Report: Boyce, K5VSP

Greetings from the South Central Section of the Arms Group. As most of us so far are in the same area we have settled on 3.925 MHz, or thereabout. Our net meets at 8:00 AM, on Saturday morning each week. We have enjoyed the fellowship of all who check in.

Boyce Guffey, K5VSP



Boyce surveying the wind-ice damage done to his antennas last winter. It took some time and help but he got it all back up and running. Do you see the tower on its side in the back of his house with Boyce holding it up?



Northwest Section Report: Bob, WA7BYD

Over the BIG Back Yard Fence.

Every Thursday morning at 7:20 AM (Pacific Time) a retired school administrator in Grants Pass, Oregon, Bob Hambly, WA7BYD, turns on his rig and calls together a group of ARMS hams from across the Pacific Northwest. Bob has been our ARMS Christian Fellowship Net Control for more years than anyone really knows for sure. The Net reaches from Southern British Columbia, across Washington and Oregon and into Northern California and we hope to add Montana before too long. We operate in the 80 meter band at 3.965 MHz and exchange family news, weather, a favorite Scripture verse or two and any prayer requests. We know the



call signs and recognize the voices of our radio friends, but for the most part have never had an “eyeball” meeting. There are exceptions. Just this summer George Wood, KA7HGE, and his wife Elsie from Puyallup, Washington, stopped by our QTH in Sunnyside, Washington and also that of Ora Gifford’s, KE7BF and his wife Connie in Grandview. Too, we also enjoyed a good visit with Stan Poeschel, KD6WZA and his wife, Virginia, from Happy Camp, California.

Net Control, Bob, served in WW II in the Navy as a photographer. He vividly remembers developing the film for Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal who captured the raising of the flag on Iwo Jima in 1945. Bob is retired from the Josephine County School District where he spent twenty-five years as an administrator and teacher. Dave Shortess, W7PTL, recently moved into Port Angeles after living for a number of years at Joyce, Washington and is a retired college biology professor and was at New Mexico Tech, in Socorro, New Mexico, for 25 years. George Wood, KA7HGE, is a retired CM & A missionary to Thailand and makes his home in Puyallup, Washington.

Stan Poeschel, KD6WZA, (wife Virginia) is pastor of the Happy Camp Bible Church in Happy Camp, California. In order to make the drive from Happy Camp to medical services in Yreka, California, he has to travel a mountain road (California 96) made up of many curves. One time his wife was traveling with him and counted 469 curves between home and Yreka.

When he can, Frank Skidmore, K7OKT, checks in from his home on Lopez Island in the San Juan Islands. He volunteers time with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. K7YIR, Pat Person and his wife Becky, live in Bothell, Washington, and works part-time as an engineer for a local Christian radio station. His nightly regimen of dialysis prevents him from getting on the Net as often as he would like. Manley Wells, VA7FR, in Abbotsford, B.C. has checked in a couple of times, but his “Buddy Pole” doesn’t quite do the trick.

We have two Waynes’ that check in. VA7GF, Wayne Borthwick and his wife Diana, make their home in Grand Forks, BC and with a missions background just recently returned from a trip to Colombia and Peru where he assisted Wycliffe missionary Ray Rising, HK3SR, in modifying a SW station in Colombia and doing survey work for station sites in Peru. WB7EIF, Wayne Bowers, lives in Monroe, Oregon and was involved for many years in the building trade.

Ora Gifford, KE7BF, is my 7-miles-down-the-road friend and neighbor here in the Yakima Valley. After separation from the

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military in 1954, he continued as a meteorologist at the Hanford Nuclear Site for 41-plus years. He helps his son with his fruit orchards and, especially during cherry season, he is queried by radio friends as to "how the fruit is doing."

John Johnston, K7BXF and his wife Vi, make their home in Gleeed, west of Yakima, Washington. He's also retired from the Hanford Nuclear Site and as I write this the Johnston's are preparing their 5th wheeler for their annual six week tour of some of the beautiful camp grounds in the state, as well as an initial visit to Glacier National park in Montana. Gene Knight, K6YIS, is a minister and makes his home at Leaburg, Oregon.

Mike, K7PTL, and Mary, K3PTL, Rafferty retired in July to their new home in Stevensville, Montana, in the Bitterroot Valley. Mike spent the last 24 years of his commercial flying career piloting large jets for Continental Airlines. His rigs are in place and as soon as they are settled in he'll "hang a dipole" and join us.



Mike, K7PTL

Long-time Net member Ron Gallop, K7RSS (Radio's Sweetest Sound) and his wife, Betty, are living in an assisted care facility in Forest Grove, Oregon. John Lawless, W7GAE became an SK this year. His widow, Agnes, still makes her home in Snohomish, Washington

My name is Chuck Winter and my call sign is N7AAG and my wife of 52-plus years is Marilyn. I live in Sunnyside, Washington, where I serve part time as a pastor to senior adults in our church family. I formerly pastored the Harrah (WA) Grace Brethren Church for 25 years.

Bob Hambly, WA7BYD informs us the George Wood, KA7HGE will take over the responsibilities of the Northwest Section Net Manager George lives in Puyallup, WA with XYL Elsie and he has been an active member of the net for many

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Eastern Section Report: Larry, W2PT

The Eastern Section of the ARMS Net continues to be very active. We meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:00 AM Eastern Time and Saturdays at 9:00 AM Eastern time at 3907 kHz. Beginning October 4th we change to 7:15 AM due to the length

of skip. We average 12 check-ins on Mondays, six on Thursdays and from four to eight on Saturdays. We maintain a prayer list which is updated and e-mailed to those who want it. The list consists of both missionary and local requests. Anyone from any section is welcome to have a request put on the list or to receive the list. Please let me know. In either case my e-mail address is lhodge50@aol.com.

Net control duties are shared by net members who have been very faithful in seeing that all nets are covered. In addition, the first Monday of each month is "Missionary Monday." On that day net members are encouraged to bring before the group a specific missionary they pray for and support. The name of the missionary, their field, and a brief description of their work is shared. This past spring we were disheartened to learn that long time net member Al Smith (K2CAC) had suffered a severe stroke. Al was very active in the past in the passing of traffic to and from the mission field. He maintained regular contact with the missionaries at ELWA in



Al, K2CAC with XYL Esther

Liberia and also to the hospital in Sierra Leone. Praise God he is now doing much better and was able to attend our annual picnic on Aug. 15th. He had a young 88th birthday with xyl Esther!

Our annual picnic was held on August 15th at the home of John (WB2SQX) and Sue Babbitt in Canisteo, NY. Their warm hospitality, beautiful surroundings, and our great fellowship made the gathering a great success. Members present were Corky (WA2KKF), Norm (W2NNJ), Bob (W2CYO), Don (K3RYV) and Adele, Paul (K2QCG) and Jenny, Wally (VA3WIT) and



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Treasurer's Report:

Ora Gifford, KE7BF

ARMS TREASURER'S REPORT THRU 5/31/2009

Balance as of 5/31/2007	\$ 7,219.78
INCOME:	
Convention Registrations	\$ 344.30
Dues and Gifts Received	\$ 2,017.83
Your Best Contact Tracts	\$ 29.00
Lapel Pins	\$ 110.00
Interest on Checking Account	\$ 3.68
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 2,504.81
 SUB TOTAL	 \$ 9,724.59
EXPENDITURES:	
Convention Expenses:	
MOCRC	\$ 4,290.72
Honorariums	\$ 200.00
Transportation Reim- bursements	\$ 304.78
Postage	\$ 225.13
Beam Expenses	\$ 1,694.87
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 6,715.50
 Balance as of 5/31/2009	 \$ 3,009.09

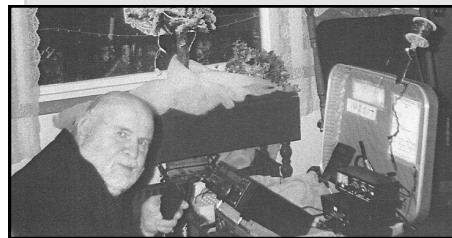
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Judy, Al (K2CAC) and Esther, Larry (W2PT) and Pat, Jerry (K4CTN) and Sue, and of course John (WB2SQX) and Sue. Our thanks go to John and Sue for their gracious hospitality. As the early morning skip gets longer we hope some of you from other sections will be able to join us at least for the first part of our weekday nets. We extend God's blessings to each of you. -Larry Hodge, W2PT



Midwest Section Report: Arnie, WA0DFT

Our Midwest Section ARMS gathering was held on Saturday, August 15, 2009 at the QTH of Arnie, WA0DFT and XYL



Vicky in Mankato, MN. The four XYLs present visited in the living room while the six hams met in the den where we checked into the national ARMS net. Afterward, we moved on to the Old Country Buffet for lunch, held a short business meeting, and then enjoyed a presentation by Timothy Hagquist, KE0Q and his XYL Gloria. I would like to thank Frank, AG0M for help in coordinating the meeting details and for communicating with Timothy via e-mail from his computer. I still don't have a computer as yet and no plans to do so. The Hagquist's are missionaries to the Philippines and are on furlough currently in Minnesota when they visited us. This was our first Midwest Section meeting since 2006. I expressed my desire to relinquish the responsibilities of the Director of the Midwest Section but so far no one has come forward.

We did not have a meeting in 2007 at the ARMS national con-



From bottom to top and left to right Arnie, WA0DFT & XYL Vicky; Neale, K0LHJ; Fran, KC0CSU; Kathy, XYL of Dan, WA0LUV; Marcie, XYL KC0CSU; Gloria, XYL KE0Q Timothy (right); and Bruce, K0GE

vention in Farmington, MN due to a poor turnout of the group. However, Vicky and I enjoyed our stay there and felt it was a once in a lifetime event; like a mini-vacation. At that meeting,

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Southeast Section Report: Denis Parker, WD4ACH

The Southeast Section of the ARMS Christian Fellowship Group had a second get-together in 2009 at the Ten-Tec Ham-fest on September 26, 2009 in Sevierville, TN. We had reserved rooms at the Micro-Tel Motel in Pigeon Forge, TN, who agreed to give us a great price for our group.

Dave Newell, WA4DUP has been very busy this summer with summer camps for children in Georgia. We do not hear from him much in the summer months. Ed Bradley, W4VGI keeps very busy with his ham radio club providing communications for local fund raising events.

Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR pastors a church in western NC and stays busy with those duties.

We are still trying to get Ed Lewis, K4WOS back on the air. Bobby Howington, KC4DOG might be able to go up soon and

Mike Eagen, K0RRP and Gerry Cook, K4CTN have been busy traveling this summer to visit family out of state. We are thankful for the Lord's mercy by keeping them safe.

Please pray for me as my legs are getting weaker all the time, but the Lord is good and has kept me ambulatory. Side effects from the medications that keep me moving are taking a toll with drowsiness, etc. Keep looking up, Jesus is coming.

Brother Denis Parker, WD4ACH



Dave Gillespie, WA4LLR provided the following missionary report.

During the last two weeks of September, I was blessed to lead a team from Faith Fellowship Church of Micaville, North Carolina to Arequipa, Peru. We were working in conjunction with Lew and Mareisa Davis who are sponsored by Missionary Ven-



help solve his rig problems to get him on the air and communicate with his fellow ARMS members.

Bobby's son Chris will graduate soon from boot camp in the Marine Corps. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in Chris's life.

From left to right Mike, K0RRP and xyl Sharon, Andra , KD4CLF, xyl of Denis, WD4ACH, and Ed, W4VGI.

tures International. We did what we in the States would call "Vacation Bible School", for a church, an orphanage, and a feeding program. I'm not sure who had more fun, the children

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or the missionaries. Everyone had many opportunities to laugh as we tried to sing in Spanish and teach the kids songs in English.

We conducted eyeglass clinics in which we provided reading glasses and it was such a blessing to see older folks able to read their Bible for the first time in years or be able to once again thread a needle and sew or weave. In several villages we taught people how to make reading glasses with materials developed by Glasses for Missions. Using very simple equipment and low cost materials, which we provided, reading glasses could be fabricated for about 35 cents a pair. This will provide a service to communities and a small income for those who learned to make them. We also had the opportunity to minister at several churches and a drug rehab program. In our spare time we built an additional room on top of the mission house to allow storage of supplies and materials. The area of Peru where

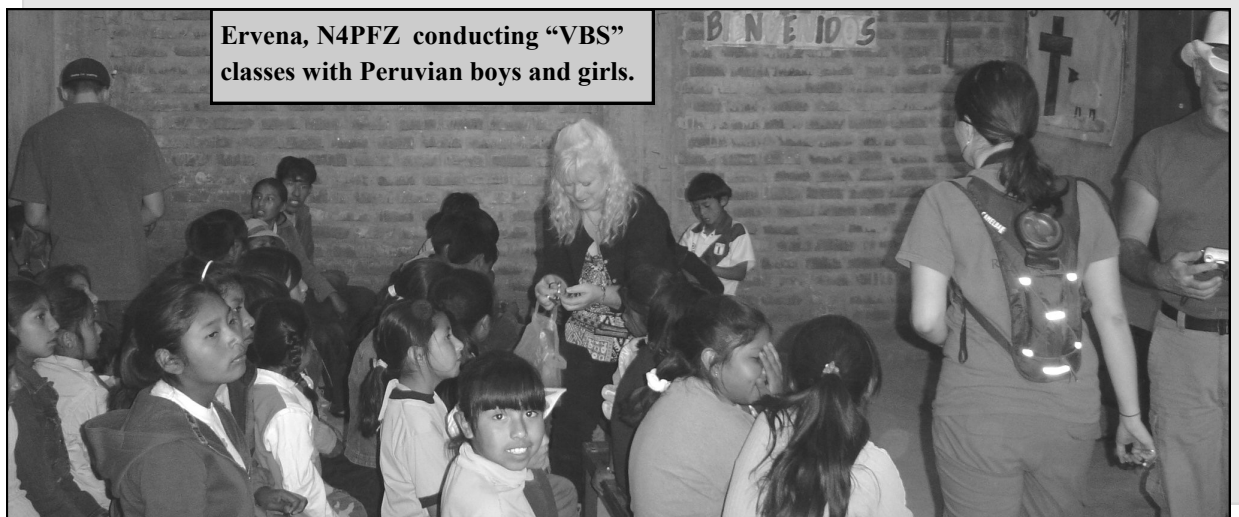
we visited was in the southern portion north of Bolivia. The city of Arequipa sits in a valley at approximately 8200 feet above sea level surrounded by three dormant volcanoes each over 19,000 feet tall and snow-capped. It is high desert and very arid. We found the people to be very friendly, outgoing, and a joy to fellowship with. Please pray for this wonderful nation.

David Gillespie, WA4LLR
Pastor,
Faith Fellowship Church

Can you identify the make and model of this once popular radio?



Dave, WA4LLR helping a girl with an eye examination.



Ervena, N4PFZ conducting "VBS" classes with Peruvian boys and girls.

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Drexel University in Philadelphia where she'll study Criminal Justice. Ashley (Sharon's granddaughter) is at our community college studying to be a surgical technician while she works as a patient tech. Sarah (Don's daughter-in-law) recently became certified in acupuncture which she is now using in her veterinary practice.

Anniversary Avenue; The last verse of the song "God of Our Fathers" starts out with the words "Refresh thy people on their toilsome way." We were ready for some refreshing by May when we were able to celebrate our 60th month-a-versary of marriage (May 15) with a four-day second honeymoon at a re-

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I again expressed my desire to hand the Midwest Section ARMS Directorship over to someone else and that I would stay on so there would be continuity to hold the group together.

In 2008 Keith, WA0JGT and XYL Beth extended an invitation to the section to visit them in Waseca, MN. I made approximately 25 phone calls to members in the section to let people know of the meeting in Waseca, and that's when I learned that Arie, N0CVT of Iowa was a SK. You will find him listed in the July 2009 issue of QST along with Don, K0OAV, Harry, N0JSV and Elmer, W0HUV. The evening before the gathering in Waseca Keith called to tell me that it would only be he, I, and our XYL's so we decide to cancel it.

Arnie Kopischke, WA0DFT ←

An e-mail from Neale Thompson, K0LHJ follows:

I got a call, from Arnie Kopischke (WA0DFT), our Mid-West Section Director, asking if I wouldn't write up something for the BEAM concerning the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) AIR VENTURE gathering at Oshkosh, WI in 2009. The date for this huge gathering - around 60,000 people - was July 26th through August 2nd. I had been a missionary Pastor/Pilot for LAMP-Canada who invited me to represent them at this global gathering of aviators. The EAA chose as their emphasis this year: Mission Aviation & Compassionate Aviation. The mission felt that my involvement in both through LAMP and Pilots for Christ International uniquely qualified me to be a mission representative. The Mission Aviation Support Association (MASA) and the International Association of Mission Aviation (IAMA) made all the on-site arrangements to place the person of Jesus Christ front and center. This was a tremendously bold step for the EAA, and I have not quit thanking the Lord for creating a miraculous opportunity for telling people from all over the world about HIS undying love for them!

There were over 400 of us missionaries present and representing a world outreach. The thousands upon thousands of people who visited the huge tent that we occupied were literally dumbfounded to discover how general aviation was being used by the Christian mission enterprise! And remember, amateur radio, at least in my days of flying the far north was *THE* tool that God gave us for communicating out and ARMS was on the cutting edge of this communication tool!

Yours in our Lord's service,
Neale C. Thompson, K0LHJ

Missionary Report: Dave Newell, WA4DUP

We bring you greetings from the beautiful state of Georgia. Because we live in a rural part of the state, we see all types of animals and bugs. In NGM Discipleship Ministries, we received 475 answer sheets and sent out 928 lessons in August which is always a busy month as we send out first lessons to campers at the beginning of the school year. We have Early Bird Awards at camp for the first three kids, in both preteens and teens who complete their lessons first. Our grandchildren, Isaac and Isaiah, have been on the preteen list.

Speaking of Isaiah and Isaac, they received the Lord as their personal Savior on September 18 when we had the privilege of leading them to Jesus. We were so thrilled at their decision. We had prayed a long time for this. Our son Philip, their dad, said; "Now I can sleep peacefully at night knowing that our entire family is ready for Heaven." Talk about tears of joy! Bill and our daughter Gaylene are now legal custodians of a beautiful one-year-old little girl, Cheryl. They are in the process of adopting her. The court date is November 4. Dan and our daughter Holly's little boy, Finn, is almost 10 months old and is about ready to walk. Both Will and Bridgett are students at Athens Technical College. We are so blessed to have five and hopefully, one more grandchildren.

The Lord has given us a new volunteer at NGM to help with stamping, folding, stuffing, sealing, and mailing the Bible lessons. This is a real answer to prayer. We just today finished stamping and folding 4,000 lessons. A Spanish inmate recently wrote that he wished to be saved from the Lake of Fire and be a true Christian. He thanked us for helping him in studying the Word of God.

The steel framework is up for the Multipurpose Building and cement has been poured for the second floor section where the kitchen staff and other camp workers will sleep. A walkway around the building has also been poured. Please pray that the Lord will send us the right volunteers with the proper skills (electricians, plumbers, carpenters) who can help with the inside finishing work on this 60-ft by 80-ft building. Pray also for protection of our property and building materials. Additional funds are needed to furnish and equip the kitchen area in the Multipurpose Building. Any donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent to NGM for Camp Development. We can move ahead with new construction only as the Lord provides the resources. November 13 and 14 are scheduled work-

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Missionary Report: Leon, WX6I and Sally Winter

We always enjoy the Beam and enjoy contributing to it. This time we will direct you to our new webpage. In it we have made an extensive report on our recent trip to Mindanao, Philippines to run a worship-hymn writing workshop for the Koronadal Blaan speakers. This is the group that my wife Sally and another lady in their single years invested 15+ years to translate the New Testament. The NT was dedicated in 1996. A very active church exists with several hundred congregations.

Our part was to assist the ethnomusicologist for the four-day workshop. Sally was his interpreter which really kept her busy. At the end of the four days the eleven participants had written 21 brand new songs. They picked the 12 they liked best and we cut CD's



A Blaan recording session



Sally with Blaan children

We had prayed that the participants would be diverse among the Koronadal Blaan believers. God blessed and the eleven attendees were from four different church groups. Ten of them were pastors and one of the pastors was a woman. They were an amazing group and so excited to use their ethnic music to build strong worship within the Blaan church. See the web sites below:

http://www.leonwinter.com/music_workshop_report.html and

http://www.leonwinter.com/blaan_media_things.html

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. Colossians 3:16 (NKJV).
Blessings in our Lord,

Leon, NX6I & Sally Winter

so each one could take home the result of their work. We had flown to the Philippines and arrived at the SIL group house on Saturday morning. Sunday morning June 28th would find us flying to the bottom of the Philippines to General Santos City. Many of our Blaan friends live there and this is where the workshop would be given. Monday morning, June 29th, in the little church we held the song writing workshop for the Koronadal Blaan. Earlier we and all the eleven participants had enjoyed a delicious Filipino breakfast with mounds of rice.

Sunday was special since it was our 12th wedding anniversary. We could think of no better way to spend our 12th year than traveling to help lead a workshop that would give the Blaans the encouragement to use their unique cultural music as part of their worship of the living God and His son Jesus Christ.



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days for ongoing projects such as fence building and renovations to the existing buildings. Soon, we will be setting up times to work on the Multipurpose Building and then proceed



to construct the two dorms for the boys and the girls. Also, a house is urgently needed on the camp property for the Bentleys.

Thank you for your interest in us and our ministry through Neighborhood Gospel Missions. Also, pray for our additional ministries as Truth and Training leaders in the Awana program at Victory Baptist Church and our weekly Bible studies with the inmates at the Oglethorpe County Jail in Lexington.

Sincerely yours, Securely His! The Newell's

Canadian Section Report: Wayne, VA7GF

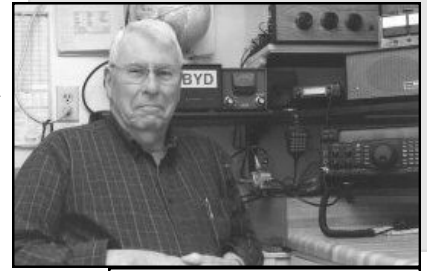
Hi from Bogota. We got back from the llanos Wednesday night after a successful installation of the 4-dipole array and change over of the 5 kw transmitter from 600 ohm output to 50 ohm output. It was great to hear the stronger signal as we drove back to Bogota as well as reports coming in elsewhere.

Many thanks to the ARMS brothers for their prayers for Ray and myself. On Saturday there was action nearby us where 13 people in an insurgent camp were killed. Some of the helicopters took off from nearby and circled over us on the way in that direction. Good to know that many of those involved now have Galcom fixed tuned receivers tuned to the gospel message on 6010 KHz, now with a more potent signal especially in the radius of 400 km of the station. Voice of the Martyrs has been instrumental in providing those receivers. The station broadcasts the message of the only true peace, which is of faith in Jesus Christ.

I spent today getting Ray a Hustler vertical antenna mounted on the roof to augment his 20 meter dipole. We checked the tuning

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years. George is a retired Christian Missionary Alliance pastor and missionary who served in the Asian Pacific area. Bob wants to thank all the faithful members of the net for their support the past 19 years and assures us that it will continue to be active under George's leadership.



Bob Hambly, WA7BYD

Glad you could hang out with us over that big back yard fence for a few minutes.

73/99 - Chuck Winter, N7AAG

with an Aim 4170 I brought down for him. Those are great for antenna work and it was very useful in tuning the 4-dipole array for the broadcast station. I expect to be in Peru sometime next week and back home August 27. Greet all on the net. Maranatha, Wayne Borthwick, VA7GF

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sort in Green Valley. Our time away was very refreshing and restful. What a blessing from the Lord. **Translation Highway;** While we work in Catalina in support roles which benefit our colleagues in Mexico, our translators there are making progress in bringing God's Word to the indigenous people. Here are four examples: A young couple assigned to a new language project has found a place to live in the village and someone to help them learn the language. Mega Voice players are being well received in several language areas. People who can't read can hear the Word of God. God does speak their language! Two translations have been completed and are in the final editing stages before being sent to our Catalina Center for typesetting. The New Testament for a large language group in northern Mexico has recently been delivered to the people. Just imagine holding God's Word in your hand for the first time! **Partner Lane;** We appreciate you and thank the Lord for you. We pray for you and your needs. We like to hear from you so we can know how to specifically pray for you. This is the journey we share with you as you faithfully pray and financially support our ministry.

May God bless you for blessing us!

Don, KC7WV and Sharon Jensen

