

## Mission To The World

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### Personal Notes

- Josh has returned from his second tour of duty in Iraq.
- Updates and information about our work are put on our website: <http://www.mmlott.org>. Our monthly Prayer and Praise needs are posted every month (or when I am able to do it!)
- We minister to students from at least 15 different countries and 6 of the 7 continents. Antarctica is excluded.
- Mike teaches music to a group of national students once-a-week in our home.
- Mary once came in 5th in the state in a public speaking contest.
- Although we deal with frequent outages, we do have running water and electricity here.
- The local office of geophysics told a visiting school group that our location experiences about 50 minor earthquakes PER DAY!

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# Lott's Letters

Serving in Southeast Asia; Aiding Bible Translation; Working as Teachers

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## The "M" People

The "M" people are just one group of 250 groups in this province who are hungry for the Word of God. Without it, their faith in Jesus is often synthesized with their previous animistic and appeasement beliefs.

For a number of years, the "C" family has been ministering to the "M" people. Their daughters are now enrolled at Hillcrest International School and Mike

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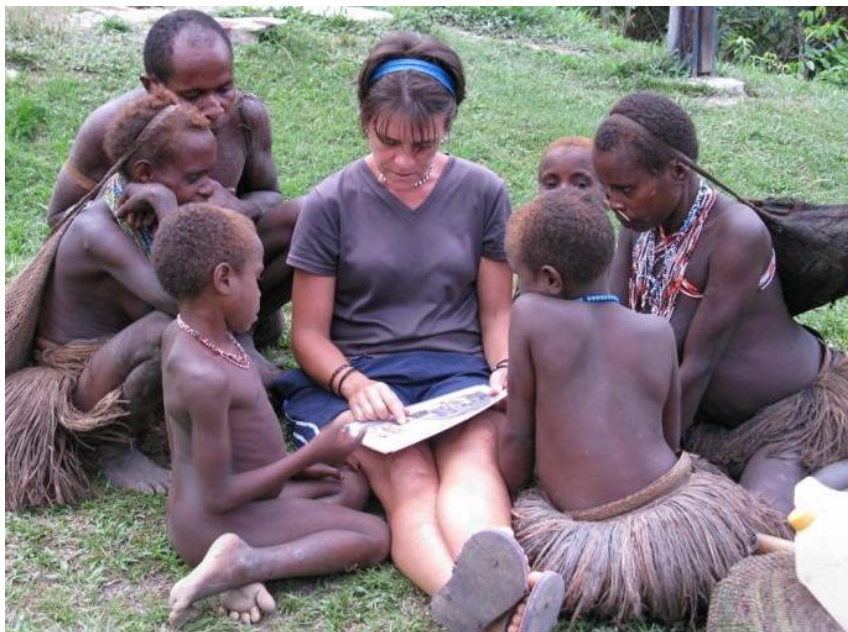
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The profound relief they feel when they learn that God has already been appeased through the sacrifice of His son is palpable. Their previous, animistic gods would often require incredible sacrifices from the people, up to and including human sacrifice.

and Mary have taught both of the girls. The girls profess a deep love for the Savior as well as a concern for "M" people with whom the girls have grown up.

Here is a recent letter sent out by "C" family:

'Paul said it and I know that he meant it as a rhetorical question, but lately I've been saying it and I really mean it. "How on earth can we say this in such a way that the "M" will understand?" In the last few months, we have been striving to translate and teach the truths of Romans to the "M", more often



Here, the village worker, explains a Bible story to some in the village. There is a hunger among the people to be able to read and study God's Word.

The village worker and her husband have lived among the "M" people for a number of years now. They have seen many of the village and the surrounding area come to faith in Jesus.

than not I find myself staring at a blank page wondering how to even start put those precious and eternal life truths in a way that will speak to the "M".

Praise the Lord first of all for the Holy Spirit who protects his Word and is using it to impact and change the lives of the "M". Secondly thank you for your prayers recently during a quick visit to the U.S. to attend a workshop on translating the epistles. It was well worth it. I feel like I've been given the tools and direction needed to continue on in translating the New Testament.

Along this same line, we were encouraged the other day by the testimony of one of the "M" believers by the name of Tep. He was talking with a visitor from some distance away who actually had in his possession an [national language] Bible and a Bible from [another tribe's] language. The visitor told him "I want to hear the Creator's talk, but I only have it in [these two languages]." Tep quickly responded, "Well you need to move here because here we can read and listen to the Creator's talk in our own language!"

Wow! What a blessing and word of encouragement to us to keep on pressing on!

Carolyn, as well, has been seeing the Lord do some amazing things in the hearts of the "M" ladies. They have developed a real hunger for the Word and almost daily ask Carolyn to sit with them and just talk about the Lord and all that He has done for them. She often sits with them in the late afternoon as they prepare their evening meals going through Bible stories and lessons. Wow, what precious and encouraging times these have been.

We thank you so much for your prayers. Please don't stop. Daily we feel the need for wisdom and energy. Daily we feel the burden of wanting to see "M" men and women falling more and more in love with our Lord Jesus. Thank you for being such great friends!!!'

## What We Are Doing Now

Mike continues to lead the music program at HIS. Specifically, he teaches instrumental music to students in grades 5–12. The instrumentation of the performing groups is always challenging. It is never certain who will be available. He includes guitars, violins and keyboard within the ensembles. This necessitates him arranging or composing all the music. He spends many hours outside of the classroom developing materials for the students.

Additionally, he teaches Bible classes to the 10th grade. He is taking them through an overview of the Old Testament. This week (October 26–October 30), the class is leading the elementary students in "Spiritual Emphasis Week." This is an annual week focusing on developing a personal relationship with God and how live the Christian life. The students are imparting truths they have been taught in the classroom to other students, who, when they reach the 10th grade, will teach others also.

This spring Mary taught elementary music to the 2nd and third grades as well as leading the Middle School chapel services on Friday. This semester Mary substituted in the high school English class while the regular teacher was in the United States. She is continuing to lead the Middle School chapels. The theme for the chapels this year is on God's Thoughts Toward His People. Currently, they are taking a "side-

road" and discussing the message that is the Gospel.

As God leads, Mike and Mary will remain overseas until the Christmas season in 2010. At that time they will return to the states for a six-month home mission assignment.

Mary is continuing to be challenged by recurring, but apparently unrelated health problems. When they returned overseas in January 2009, Mary had a cold which became bronchitis. While checking that out in March, it was discovered that she also has "chronic appendicitis" as well as being anemic. The anemia has been an on-going problem, but it was theorized that perhaps it has been the underlying source of many of the health problems.

Treatment for the B12 deficiency anemia began consisting of daily injections of B12 and a noticeable improvement in energy and overall health was experienced. Until May when she became ill with two cases of malaria. That little parasite ate all of her brand-new red blood cells.

All that is to say, Mary works mostly from home right now. She isn't very sick, but she isn't healthy either. God is sovereign in all of this.

Please take a look at our website: <http://www.mmlott.org>. The links across the top take you to various pages on the site. You may especially want to visit the "Ministry Moment" page, where we intend to share weekly two aspects of the ministry: how we are grasping God's grace personally and how we are being used to share God's grace globally. Other pages of interest include our monthly Prayer and Praise feature.

**ADVOCATES NEEDED:** We need your help! Our financial support is low by about \$1200 @ month. **Would you be willing to represent us to your friends, Bible Study group, and churches, asking them to commit to our monthly support?** Any regular monthly support is appreciated and needed. Some individuals can only give \$20 @ month. If there were 60 such individuals, we would then be at full support. **Please prayerfully consider whether you can help us by supporting us or asking others to support us.**