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Last year, snow was rare. This year a white blanket of fluffy nuisance has already been dumped upon us. Some love and embrace it, while others feel the dread of its icy cold grip. Can you guess what camp “Scrooge” Scherm is in? Like all seasons of weather and life, the age-old adage is so true, “This too shall pass.” Even though this author sounds a bit cynical, the truth in all this is that God’s loving sovereignty shows his goodness in the beauty of snow and cold, and in the good times and trouble. It is in the mysteries of life where we see how marvelous our God is.

HIGHLIGHTING ROCK

In this update, allow me to slightly divert your attention to a broader view of how ROCK International ministries are impacting lives around the world from December’s ROCK Review - ***Africa & Asia:*** *This month 16,000 KING of GLORY books [Swahili, Marathi, English] and What If Jesus Meant What He Said? [Hindi]* are being printed in three nations where persecution is intense. Pray for widespread impact

and lasting fruit among both the saved and the lost (including the persecutors themselves).

Bougainville: (Papua New Guinea, Oceania): God is doing a new thing on this autonomous island. A ministry partner (wife of MAF director-pilot in PNG) told of her first visit to Bougainville's main hospital: "...patients waiting for hours in the heat, broken equipment, wards without privacy, and a public bathroom so foul (with shattered toilets, overflowing sewers, filth, and maggots) that it felt evil. Yet after meeting with hospital leadership and lead nurses, God opened doors!" With prayer, cleaning supplies, and unexpected helpers, she and staff went to work scrubbing and repairing — with God stirring hearts to transform the hospital inside and out (See thumbnail).

One bright weekly event is the showing of the Tok Pisin [KING bilong GLORI movie](#). Each Saturday, a ward fills with smiles and attentiveness as patients, families, nurses, and others gather to be captivated by [the Story and Message of Redemption](#) — from Genesis to Revelation. A pastor and his wife lead the showings, volunteers serve a meal during intermission, and at the end, [KING bilong GLORI picture books](#) and Bibles are eagerly received, with many understanding and responding to the Gospel.

Niger (West Africa): A ROCK-connected German surgeon and his wife, who holistically serve hurting people in Jesus' name at a 75-year-old [mission hospital \(short video\)](#) in the Niger desert, wrote: "This country and region need much prayer, as darkness seems to be growing — but we know the LORD reigns. Please pray for the Nigerien church to be strengthened, to deepen dependence on Him, to stand firm, and for many to find Jesus as Savior. [The WAY of RIGHTEOUSNESS](#) is used in Hausa, and the hospital evangelist asks for prayer that the KING of GLORY movie might also be produced in Hausa for use in the hospital."

We thank God for you and your part in all He is doing through the channels of [ROCK Resources](#) (which, as of [May 2025](#), now includes an [ASL movie](#) for reaching the

largely unreached Deaf in North America) and [ROCKids](#)' initiatives (such as [last month's](#) featured [New Hope Girls' Secondary School](#) in Tanzania). And in 2026, we anticipate introducing you to a pre-K-to-12 grade school in South Asia where God has opened a wide and wonderful door for His servants to make long-term investments in more students — for time and eternity. This is just a sampling of what God is doing through some of ROCK's evangelistic resource.

HIGHLIGHTING ROCK IN INDIANA

We feel privileged to play a part in what God is doing through ROCK. Because you have chosen to partner with us in this unique media outreach, here is what is happening in Indiana - besides having a college championship football team 🏈. This week I completed the German version of "For This Reason" video and Trailer. This was one of the most challenging versions I have worked on. So much so, I almost gave up on it. Now, we are praying God will use this to impact many souls to turn to Christ. I also sent off the Swahili version of this video for a final check and approval.

Because these two versions were so challenging and time consuming, I have neglected other projects screaming for my attention. In my head they are like hungry whining children. So, please pray with me as I get back to the Arabic version of *Insanity of God*, the Portuguese and ToK Pisin versions of *Message in the Story*, the Guarani version of *Spiritual Warfare in the Amazon Jungle*, and freshening the graphics for ROCK's new *King of Glory* camp curriculum. The *King of Glory* Italian version has completely stalled out, no matter how much I have tried to spur this on. Apart from intervention from the Lord, I don't know how the needed changes will be completed so the video can be released. We really desire your prayers about these projects and wisdom on time management.

HIGHLIGHTING FAMILY

Linda and I would also ask you to pray for two of her brothers, Roger and Reuben. The story involving them is too complex to tell in this update, other than to say we

know God is teaching them some difficult and important lessons, lessons that only he can teach to bring about godly change.

December 20th, Derek's and Matt's families will be here to celebrate Christmas. The house will be filled with anticipation, colorful packages, favorite foods, smiles, laughter, and joyful screaming (well, the kids think it is joyful). Overall, it will be a delightful, memory-building time to celebrate family, and the precious birth of our Savior.

FINAL THOUGHTS

This whole season is a wonderful time of reflection and gratitude. How different and empty our lives would be without Christ. So many people around us and around the world appear to have a sense of joy and happiness this time of year, yet they are missing the complete joy only Christ can give. Thank you for your help through faithful prayers and sacrificial support to help us create evangelistic resources so they can experience this joy found only in Jesus. Immanuel, and we will soon be with him. Linda and I are sincerely wishing you a joy-filled and spirit-filled Christmas and New Year.

Seeking His direction,

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Dennis and Linda". The script is cursive and elegant, with the names written in a single line.

The Schermers