Dear Friends of Galcom:

October 2012

“Give us the tools and we will finish the job!”

... as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses... in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left. . . (II Cor. 6: 4-7)

(Note: very rarely do we feature the same country- let alone the same ministry partner- in consecutive newsletters. However we feel it is justified this month given current conditions in Colombia and the great obstacles and opportunities presented there to our ministry partners Russell and Marina Stendal and their capable support team)

In early 1941, Winston Churchill uttered the inspiring words quoted above. England and its empire were facing Hitler’s Nazi Germany alone, as the U.S. entry into World War II was still months away. Arms, ammunition and foodstuffs were in desperately short supply. Churchill knew Britain would never surrender but needed immediate re-supply. Thankfully for the cause of freedom, America as the “Arsenal Of Democracy” did provide critical war-stocks, food and fuel until joining the battle on Dec. 7, 1941

As Christians we know there is an even more important war being waged in the invisible realm for the hearts and souls of mankind. On every inhabited continent, missionaries and national evangelists are engaged on the front lines of this eternally significant spiritual battle.

As mentioned last month, Russell and Marina Stendal have been involved in Colombia’s spiritual and civil war for decades. They and a few brave others stayed when over 800 missionaries left Colombia 30 years ago. Due to a recent resurgence of guerrilla and paramilitary activity, the Stendals, their family and support team face increasing threats against their lives and safety. At the same time they are finding unprecedented opportunities for effective ministry.
Recently, the Stendals were able to write, produce, direct and film a full-length motion picture known as La Montana*. This movie is based on a true biblical peace-making encounter that God used Russell to arrange between warring FARC guerrillas and paramilitary forces resulting in conversions, cessation of hostilities and a radio tower replacing an armed guerilla camp on “La Montana” (The Mountain). This movie is now being shown throughout the country and should be a powerful tool to introduce Jesus Christ as the true peacemaker who alone transforms warring hearts.

Galcom and others have provided the Stendals with radio equipment for new stations and station upgrades, solar-powered fix-tuned radio receivers (soon to be audio Bible-capable ImpaX units), literature, aircraft and other critical logistical support to enable this small, dedicated group to have a disproportionate great impact for Christ- one example is the installation of a donated 50,000 Watt clear-channel AM transmitter- when fully operational it’s powerful signal should reach almost the entire continent of South America with the Good News of Jesus Christ at night.

By standing with the Stendals and other courageous missionaries and national evangelists around the globe, with your help, Galcom has the honor to “give them the tools so they can finish the job” of completing the Great Commission among those who learn by hearing.

**Russell Stendal has calculated that 12,000 more ImpaX units will be needed in Colombia, for a new total of 36,000. Please continue to pray for this and for the Stendals' safety and that of their family in the coming days. US donations can be made by check to Galcom and sent to the above address. Canadian gifts may be sent to 115 Nebo Road, Hamilton, ON, L8W 2E1. For online gifts go to http://www.galcom.org/donate.html and follow the prompts to donate by credit card.**

For the unreached,

Tom Blackstone
Executive Director

*For more information on the movie La Montana, check out this weblink: http://www.lamontana.us/*
October 2012 Newsletter; Colombia

This moving motion picture based on the Stendals’ true story is now being shown throughout Colombia.

Using ministry tools from Galcom & others, the Stendals will work in all Colombia’s 32 provinces.

Aircraft like the Pink Panther are essential to air-drop the Truth Packs in guerrilla-controlled areas.

Future Truth Packs will contain the powerful audio-Bible capable solar-powered Galcom ImpaX radio.

This 50,000W transmitter will soon cover almost all of South America with a Gospel AM signal at night.

“Truth Packs” containing Galcom radios are air-dropped on parachutes sewn by Galcom partners.