News from Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Lafitte

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Inspiracom
INSPIRING YOUR LIFE

Glenn & Bonnie, missionaries on the Mexico/US Border & at Dallas International University

Inspiracom's 14 FM stations (and an equal number of repeaters) blanket the Mexico/US border—and the world via Internet streaming—with the message of hope in Jesus Christ. *Inspiracom's Christian Academy of the Air* reaches students around the world, helping them study God's Word.

Dallas International University is fully accredited by SACSCOC (which accredits the University of Texas among other colleges and universities in the Southeast) and offers training at the undergraduate and graduate levels in Intercultural Studies, Abrahamic Studies, Human Migration Studies, Sign Language Linguistics, World Arts, and Bible Translation among other disciplines.

Greetings in the closing weeks of 2023, **the season of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year!**

The Lord and you have been faithful this and every year since 1981, when I (Glenn) joined Reach Beyond as a single missionary, and since May 7, 1983, when Bonnie and I were married. The Lord has given us the privilege of serving first in Ecuador, and since 1989, with Inspiracom on the Mexico/US border. Since 2018, we have also served part-time with Dallas International University which has its roots in Wycliffe Bible Translators which Bonnie's parents joined in 1959.

PRAYER & PRAISE ITEMS

1. **We PRAISE the LORD for the appointment of Emi Amaya de Ibarra as President of Inspiracom on August 1st of this year. (I was chair of the presidential search committee; after a thorough process of 15 months, we presented three well-qualified potential candidates to the board.) We have known Emi for over 25 years since she became a staff member of Inspiracom station, KRMC FM in Douglas, Arizona – across the border from Agua Prieta, Mexico where she grew up. In recent years she has been manager of KYRM FM in Yuma, Arizona. Emi is married to Manuel, Inspiracom's Brand Manager, and they are the parents of Elizabeth and Manuelito.**

Emi and her husband Manuel with their children Manuelito and Elizabeth

2. **Please PRAY for the project to replace the 1200-foot tower of Inspiracom flagship station, KVMV FM which went on the air in 1972 in Pharr, Texas – two miles from the Mexico border. The tower (taller than the Eiffel Tower!) is subject to the harsh conditions of South Texas – including the salt air from its proximity to the Gulf of Mexico. It is nearing the end of its life and needs to be replaced; this is an expensive proposition as you can imagine. If you would like more information about how to pray for and support this project, go to the following secure link: https://kvmv.org/project/tower.html**

3. **We PRAISE the LORD for the opportunity to be at Inspiracom headquarters before, during, and after the semi-annual board meetings, September 14 to 16. One of my many responsibilities for several years now at our board meetings is to prepare a list of prayer and praise items for all of our stations, departments, administration, and board. We use this list to guide our prayers during and between board meetings.**

Bonnie, Glenn, Leanna (Dr. Leanna Rierson is Glenn's colleague in the College of International Studies at DIU), Chip, David, Jack, Vera, Megan

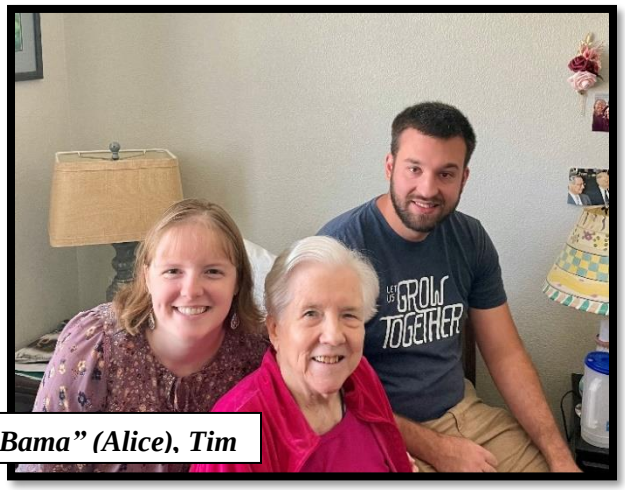
4. Please PRAY for my students and me at Dallas International University. This is my fifth fall semester to teach at DIU. All my students this semester have been incoming freshmen (and in one case a dual-enrollment high school student) taking college courses for the first time. They are all bright and godly young men and women who are also learning about the study skills required for college level courses at a Christian university. On Nov. 4th we hosted a gathering of students at the apartment we have rented on campus. It was a lot of fun!

Grey Elizabeth Lafitte turned five on Aug. 11th

5. We PRAISE the LORD for the opportunity to celebrate the birthdays of our grandchildren. Justin and Glenna's oldest, Grey Elizabeth, celebrated her fifth birthday on August 11. We; Glenna's parents, Mike and Ruth Sweetman; and Grey's little brother Logan and little sister Georgia had a private celebration with her before her birthday party the next day. We also thank the Lord we were able to go to Denver to celebrate the second birthday (on November 16) of Christopher Glenn Lafitte, along with his parents, Jared and Mandy, and big sister Audrey.

Christopher Glenn Lafitte turned two on Nov. 16th

6. **We PRAISE the LORD for the visit of Tim and Marianna Farris to Dallas August 14 to 18, and the visit of Marianna's parents John and Anna Brawand October 7 to 21, to visit Bonnie's, John's, and David's mother, Alice Brawand, as well as other family and friends in the Dallas area. (David and his wife Christy live in the Dallas suburb of Carrollton.) We look forward to a visit from Marianna's brother Parks at some point. Marianna and Tim are expecting their first child (and John and Anna's first grandchild) – Caleb Wesley Farris on Valentine's Day of 2024.**



Marianna, "Bama" (Alice), Tim

Sharleen Barrera Samuelson with her mom, Carol Barrera

7. **We PRAISE the LORD for the publication of the Rabinal Achí Hymnal. The Rabinal Achí are the people group among whom Bonnie spent her first twelve years in Guatemala with her family. On September 22nd, Bonnie presented her mother, Alice Brawand, with a copy of the hymnal that had been sent to her by Carol Barrera. On that day, Bonnie facilitated a phone call between her mother and Carol. Bonnie said it was very special to hear these two missionaries discuss their shared memories as well as dreams and goals for the future. Both Alice and Carol are widows now, who with their husbands, John and Rodrigo, ministered successively among the Rabinal Achí and have lived to see the completion of both the New Testament and now the entire Bible under the direction of a team of Rabinal Achí translators. The dedication of the Rabinal Achí Bible is scheduled for March 23, 2024.**

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (II Corinthians 9:15)

The first Inspiracom station went on the air in 1972. Today there are 14 FM stations and 14 repeaters, from the Gulf of Mexico to within 120 miles of the Pacific Ocean, broadcasting a message of hope and salvation in Jesus Christ through Spanish and English radio, internet streaming, and Spanish Bible correspondence courses to the Mexico/US border and to the ends of the earth. That is Good News to a world that so desperately needs it. Dallas International University is a Christian university that was founded in 1998 out of its heritage with Wycliffe Bible Translators to prepare men and women for life and ministry to their home or host community across the street or around the world.

Thank you for your love, prayers, encouragement, and support at Christmas, New Year, and always!

Love in Christ to you,

(for Bonnie too)

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Bonnie and I have been members of Reach Beyond since the early 1980s. Seconded to Inspiracom and on the Adjunct Faculty of Dallas International University, we receive support through *Reach Beyond*.

To send financial support: **https://reachbeyond.org/missionaries/read/glenn-and-bonnie-lafitte-1**

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