

# Tom & Ruth Denlinger Family Newsletter - February 2015

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Hello Everyone! Greetings in the Name of our LORD, Jesus Christ.

This is our 20th year working with the indigenous people of North America and sharing with them the love of Jesus. I have learned that this is how you gain trust which opens the door for encouraging them in other areas. **What started off as a once a year missions trip in the mid 90s has grown into a much larger ministry that is now sending many teams of skilled workers to various locations.** We continue to grow!

I am sending this letter for two reasons:

**First**, we have a leadership retreat coming up this weekend (February 20-22) and **I need your prayer.** During that weekend, we will be seeking the LORD on how He desires to see us grow in the next couple of years. When Jesus was living on earth, He said several times that He only did what He saw the Father doing and He only said what the Father told Him to say. My constant prayer is very similar, **“Father, I will do whatever You tell me to do and say whatever You tell me to say!”** I need you to **pray** with me that He works powerfully in me as the co-founder and director of this ministry. **Pray** that He continues to surround me with men and women with great callings on their lives to accomplish much for the Kingdom of our LORD! I am looking for skilled people to come on our team! Is that person you? Would you consider giving the rest of your life to minister with us? We need talented people with a servant’s heart and obvious calling that is similar to our own. **Please pray** for this need and the wisdom to inspire and lead others to accomplish greater works in years to come! Please visit our website: [www.lightshineministries.org](http://www.lightshineministries.org)

**Secondly**, I have to take the plunge into full time ministry and I need your **prayer for wisdom** for how to accomplish that. Over the past 20 years, many times it would have been easy to give up and stop investing in building a ministry that only gives out and has to be financially supported by other brothers and sisters in Christ. It sometimes gets so discouraging always asking others for financial support. **But the Father keeps telling me that He is doing a work through us that is very significant and He reminds me that others desire to give.** It is very important then that we continue to communicate in this way and reveal our needs. He is breaking down walls and lifting veils that keep people from seeing Who Jesus Christ really is (2 Corinthians 4:4). **The work of service we do also encourages men and women who feel like they have no ministry in the local church and gives them great fulfillment when they work with their hands and bless other parts of the Body.** Last year our teams provided services and in Alaska and Oklahoma valued at approximately \$70,000. The people and ministries we serve in these places could never accomplish for themselves what our volunteers do. **But all of this takes leadership, planning and lots of money exchanging hands.** It really is a full time job.

My wife, Ruth, and I need to raise \$4,000 per month to work fulltime in this ministry. If you ever have any questions or comments on supporting my wife and I on a monthly basis, please contact **Jeff Zimmerman** (administrator/treasurer) with by email: [lightshinefinance@comcast.net](mailto:lightshinefinance@comcast.net) He will help you set up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account to make it easier to give. Thank you so much!

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