

Greetings to those who share in the ministries of Mission to South Africa and Alethea International,

My name is Ron Cook and brother of Stuart Cook.

I am writing in response to needs of these ministries in South Africa. But first I want to say how thankful we are for those of you who have provided prayer and financial support following the tragic death of Stuart after being hit head on by another car in the bush country of South Africa. That prayer and financial support was needed by the family, not only through emotional and spiritual associated with Stu's death, but also physical healing and financial help in the recovery of Marilyn's injuries and health who was in the same accident, and is on her way to complete recovery.

There was encouragement and joy in the response from around the world in all those areas. There is not enough words or reams of paper in the world to be able to explain how, through your responses, the Holy Spirit was able to keep everyone close to the Heavenly Father during this trying time. You were truly "intercessors" from afar.

At the time of this writing there is an outstanding debt of about \$12,000 which were incurred by costs of the hospital, Dr.s, other medical bills, funeral and estate costs. Probably most of you reading this have already helped in the costs which have totaled more than \$42,000. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR LOVE GIFTS. This \$12,000 left of that debt will take care of most of the costs of this tragic accident. We tell you this because I am sure that you would want to know.

The ministry of Stuart and Marilyn has probably touched every one receiving this letter. For 44 years they and their children have labored in South Africa helping to save thousands and changing other lives for the better. They have been and are true warriors in the spiritual battle.

Even without Stuart, Marilyn is going on with the ministry that God has given them for the past 10 years. As most of you know she has a ministry of feeding over 600 children from extremely poor and needy homes of which some have lost both parents because of AIDS. This work is mainly in the Leseding Township which has a 70% unemployment rate. They feed them, clothe them and teach them Bible stories and lessons. They are the next generation of South Africa. She also works with native women in sharing Christ with them in Bible Studies and prayer.

I want to encourage those of you who support this ministry to continue and if you are not supporting it on a monthly basis and want to be part of a fulfilling and needful ministry to start doing so. For those in America - the address for these funds go to **Mission To South Africa, box 50063, Casper, Wyo. 82605**. If you are from outside the United States you will need to email Marilyn at aletheia@iafrica.com and you can get the information on how to send support money from where you are.

There is another part of this ministry (together they are called “Aletheia International Ministries”) which is overseen by their daughter and son in law Connie and Billy Wicks. This ministry is separate (so far), but yet dependent on each other as they, Billy and Connie, help with the getting and delivery of the food and clothing that is involved in Marilyn’s ministry. They do most of the administrative work for “Mission To South Africa” as well as giving assistance in every way possible. Connie has been the one keeping up with the monthly income and outgo of both accounts since the accident.

Billy and Connie could use financial support in their ministry too. They do not have much at this time and it is a real struggle to make ends meet. If you are moved to help in this ministry, it would be much appreciated. For those in America, you can use the same address as the Casper, Wyo. address listed above - just label your gift for “Alethia International Ministries (Billie and Connie)”. If you are from outside the U.S. you need to email them at conniewicks@iafrica.com and get the information needed to start helping in this needed ministry of ministering to the orphans and widows which James tell us is “true religion.”

As a missionary to Russia, I know how difficult it is to ask for money, it is not easy and I know that it is the same for Marilyn and also for Billy and Connie. That is why I am writing this letter, they feel uncomfortable in mentioning the needs because they know how everyone has already given to help out in this crises. Even though we don’t like to ask for money, we recognize the importance of it, because how much we can ministry is often related to how much money there is to operate on. Food and clothing and Bibles and teaching materials have to be purchased, missionaries are dependent on their board and room by the amount of gifts that are given. If you want to be blessed consider being a partner with Marilyn or Billy and Connie - or both.

Thank you again for your prayer and financial support. God bless you in what ever ministry you find yourself in.

Love in the name of our Lord Jesus,

Ron Cook

brother of Stuart