

Tim and Lisa Beckendorf

# Beckendorf Prayer Letter

Greetings family and friends,



## Good News/Bad News:

Life is never completely smooth sailing, there is always the good and the bad. Well, the bad news is that by the end of the school year I (Lisa) really started feeling lousy; I knew I was run down and burned out from school but I just wasn't getting over the fatigue and generally sick feeling I was experiencing. The good news is that the doctor has confirmed that this too shall pass—on or around Feb. 6, 2005 when hopefully there will be a little Beckendorf joining us. We are excited and just a little un-nerved at the prospect of being new parents, but have been very encouraged by how well the pregnancy has gone so far.

## News from Dallas:

Some more good news is that we've finished our year at the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics. I (Tim) have completed 21 hours of the 37 required for my master's program. The remaining hours will hopefully be completed when we return from our first term overseas. The classes have all been very challenging and we are thankful for the opportunity we've had to learn from such "field seasoned" professors. Their experiences from working in the field as missionaries provided excellent models for teaching and encouraging us.

## From Dallas to . . .

We left the Dallas area at the end of June and began the first leg of our journeys throughout the Midwest. Lisa's mom and dad drove down to Dallas and with their help we moved all of our stuff from Texas up to Illinois where we stayed with Lisa's folks for a few days. We then loaded our car with the "essentials" that we'd need for the next six months and headed up to Wisconsin to visit with my family for about two weeks. There we enjoyed spending time with my mom, dad, brother, and sister-in-law. From there we went to Aurora, Illinois and spent a week and a half at the LBT service center where we met with everyone on the staff, learning about their roles and learning the ropes of what, when, and how to do reports and budgets etc. We also met with our supervisors and discussed our first assignment as missionaries. From there we headed north to Wisconsin to begin partnership development, visiting congregations in the eastern part of that state, and now we are in Minnesota doing the same, and soon will be on our way to Nebraska, then Missouri and southern Illinois.



### **Bound for Botswana:**

Once all of our support is raised, we will begin our first term of service overseas and unless something unforeseen occurs, we will be serving in Northwest Botswana in a rather remote area near the Okavango Delta. We are quite excited about the prospect of serving there and have been doing a lot of research on the area and the people who live there. If you can't wait to hear us speak and would like to learn more about Botswana and the Delta area you can peruse the following web sites, which offer some very good information:  
<http://www.mindspring.com/~okavango/>  
[http://www.gov.bw/tourism/index\\_f.html](http://www.gov.bw/tourism/index_f.html)

By the way, the artwork in this letter is from cave paintings made by a tribe of people who live near the Delta.



### **How can you become a partner in this mission?**

#### **You can support us with your prayers.**

You can pray:

- for safety as we travel and for successful partnership development
- for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the people whom we will be serving
- Continued health for Lisa and our baby
- for Lisa's Uncle Bill who is receiving treatment for pancreatic cancer, Tim's dad, who is receiving kidney dialysis, and friend Jo Mirly who is suffering with ALS

Give thanks for:

- Successful completion of this year's course work in Dallas
- Safe travels thus far
- A safe pregnancy thus far

#### **You can support us with your contributions:**

People often ask us how much we need to raise before we can go over to Botswana. We will need to average between \$5000 and \$6000 per month for the next three years (and hopefully longer if our ministry in Botswana continues) to support both ministry and personal living expenses. You can be confident that your gifts are treated with the highest integrity.

We also have a special mission fund for the purchase of the vehicle that we will need. Since we will be in a rural and rather remote area we will need a four wheel drive vehicle to reach the villages of the people we will be working with. You can view the progress of this special fund at the LBT web site at [www.lbt.org](http://www.lbt.org).

We are honored and excited to be a part of this mission and pray that you will prayerfully consider becoming partners with us in this task of bringing God's word to the people of Botswana.

**"After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands." Revelation 7:9**

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Here is the current list of the places we'll be speaking over the next few months. Please join us if you are in the area.

**August**

1<sup>st</sup>, Trinity Lutheran, Hilbert, WI  
8<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran, Sherburn, MN  
22<sup>nd</sup>, St. Paul Lutheran, Fairmont, MN  
28<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Lutheran, Ceylon, MN  
29<sup>th</sup>, Our Savior Lutheran, Ceylon, MN

**September**

5<sup>th</sup>, Oklahoma Avenue Lutheran Church,  
Milwaukee, WI  
12<sup>th</sup>, Celebration Lutheran Church, Appleton,  
WI  
19<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran Church, East Moline,  
IL  
25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran Church,  
Algonquin, IL

**October**

3<sup>rd</sup>, Immanuel Lutheran, Osmond, NE  
10<sup>th</sup>, Zion Lutheran, Plainview, NE  
17<sup>th</sup>, Zion Lutheran, Paulina, IA  
24<sup>th</sup>, St. John Lutheran, Charter Oak, IA  
24<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul Lutheran, Ute, IA

**November**

28<sup>th</sup>, Christ Lutheran, Falls City, NE

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