



**2011 Fall Edition**  
**NHOM International**  
**Dr. John &**

**Evelyn Shane Invite You To Join Them On a Trip To Ukraine, Russia, Ethiopia or Sri Lanka. Come and hug widows, orphans and the elderly with us. Share your love with those who so few care about and you will be blessed.**

**Notes From My Recent Journal While in Sri Lanka**

Today September 10, 2011 we went to Vanni and visited a new church that has been started since the war has ended. There were about 30 people in attendance. I was so thrilled to see this little group of believer's right in the heart of Hindu country. Every Bible believing church was destroyed in this region during the civil war. At first it was thought that most of the Christians were killed as well but little by little many have begun to show up. Thousands of the Tamils were held in prisoner of war camps and detention centers and many still are being contained but many are being released and are coming home.

I preached on forgiveness and as the service concluded every person came forward and had me pray for them in a very powerful prayer time. The Spirit of God met with all of us in a very specific way.

Following prayer a man came to me and told me how blessed the message and the service was as he confessed his bitterness to the Lord and asked for forgiveness. He told how the military came to his village and took one child from every family and enlisted them in the army. His son was one of the children that were taken some six years ago. His son was captured by the Singhalese army and has

been imprisoned ever since.

He talked about the atrocities he saw as so many in his village were simply slaughtered. He watched as random killing took place. As young kids carrying guns would simply kill for the sport of killing. He told us how bitter he had become and how after hearing my message this morning how he repented of his bitterness.

One of the people who was at the church service was a very special lady who escaped the war without injuries was a widow I met several years ago. This woman demonstrated one of the greatest acts of selflessness and love for her neighbor that has set an example for me in unbelievable ways.

At the time I first met her she invited Pastor Jason and me for lunch. She had four children (one was killed in the recent civil war). One of her children was crippled and had never walked. As I was leaving her place they all gathered around me and she took my hand and handed me a 50 rupee bill (about. \$0.45). She told me this was all the money her and her family had and she wanted me to have it to help the orphans in Russia. In my life I felt I had given much but it wasn't until I met her that I realized that I had never given everything as this woman demonstrated to me.

I shared her testimony to the church in Russia who in turn took an offering for this precious woman and her family. The offering was the equivalent of \$450. She used this money to buy a small piece of property, build a large mud hut and raise chickens for the sale of the meat and eggs so her family could have more money to give to the orphans in Russia. In the recent war, everything she had was destroyed.

Following church we went to this woman's house for lunch. She told me the boy who was crippled is still walking. She told me her oldest son was taken off to war and was killed but her two daughters got married and she now has grandchildren. I simply wept and rejoiced with her and our time was so blessed.

In the afternoon we met with a young widow and her widow mother. Both husbands were killed in the war. Every Tamil living in this area has horror stories about how events took place in the slaughter of some 40,000 plus people in 2009. God is a just God and He will have His time.



***The older woman in yellow is the one who gave me everything she had to help the orphan's in Russia. She is surrounded by her family.***

**November, 2011**

6 Plummer, ID  
6 Yakima, WA  
13 Packwood, WA  
20 Pendleton, OR  
27 Rochester, WA

**December, 2011**

4 West Richland, WA  
6-20 Ethiopia  
25 Merry Christmas

**January, 2012**

1 Happy New Year  
8 Marblemount, WA  
15 Walla Walla, WA

**February, 2012**

1-13 Ethiopia  
19 Lewiston, ID  
19 Medical Lake, WA

**March, 2012**

26 Ocean Park, WA  
11 Rosalia, WA  
18 Port Orchard, WA

**April, 2012**

25 Sedro Wooley, WA  
31 Tacoma, WA

**May, 2012**

1 Tacoma, WA  
8 Happy Easter  
15 Lewiston, ID

**June, 2012**

22 Raymond, WA  
29 Chewelah, WA





### **The Widows Plight**

Pictured above are just some of the widows we support on a monthly basis. We desperately need your help to support more. We are the only source of help these ladies and their families have. We not only provide some physical help to them but we provide sound Christian teaching as well. There are tens of thousands of these widows who simply exist on whatever they can find to eat. These are just a few who have lost everything they owned because of the civil war. We can and we should help these who society has rejected. Widows are the lowest of the caste system and are rejected by Hindus, Muslims and Buddhists. We can blame religions for their plight, we can blame society for the foolishness of a caste system or we can help them by the demonstration of what Christians should do. James 1:27 says; Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keep yourselves unspotted from the world.



***While in the jungle of Vanni we met this mother and daughter who are both widows. Both their husbands were killed in the war and they are simply left to fend for themselves in a very hostile environment..***



### **Sri Lanka Widows Center**

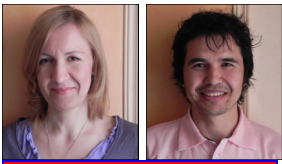
Right after the Tsunami of 2004 we were moved to help the widows in the area of Jaffna and Vanni. NHOM purchased about an acre of property in which to build a "Widows Center" to train widows to use the skills they already have and be able to interact with their local society. We were progressing nicely when again civil war broke out and for 4 years we were unable to do anything. Pictured above is the well and baptistry we put in and also the 900 sq ft caretakers home we built. These somehow escaped damage during the war. Our plans to build an open air training center for widows was put on hold but now we once again are ready to pursue the building of the center. We need approximately \$50,000 to build the center and supply it with equipment so we can again be training these ladies.

My teams must endure dangerous situations to minister to the widows of this region. Snakes, wild animals, land mines and even terrorists but they persevere because it is the right thing to do. The tsunami of 2004 took approximately 50 thousand lives in this area. The civil war in 2009 also took about 50 thousand lives. Now it is time to rebuild. Together we can make a difference.



***The little church I talked about on the front page.***





**Natasha & Ilgiz**  
**Perm, Russia**

### **Thank You Ron Pomerantz and Family**

We want to thank Ron Pomerantz and his family for the great sacrifice they made by providing funds so that we might have an updated van to minister to our orphans and widows. Our old van's transmission went bad and it had so many things that were wrong. Road conditions are not the best in our Perm region and yet if we are to continue to reach the children and elderly we need reliable transportation. Winter in the Perm Region can be extremely cold. We are located in the Ural Mountains and 50 degrees below zero is not uncommon for us. So you see how important it is to have good reliable transportation. Our work with orphans and widows is so important to God and to us. Thanks for letting us do this work.



**Igor & Olga Ekaterinberg,**  
**Russia**

### **New Program for Orphan's**

We have done a good new program "Ten Commandments", more precisely, "the rules, laws and commandments in human life" and about how important it is to observe them.

The first trip took place on 1 October, we visited two orphanages in the village Kuryi and in the town Sukhoi Log. At present the program and prayed with us, 40 children and 6 adults. The program consists of: games - making acquaintances, cartoon, slide - show, prayers, songs,

hugs, balls, photographs and gifts. The children and elderly receive God's word with such an openness and almost all receive Christ as their Lord and Savior at our meetings with them.

### **The Widow's Plight in Sri Lanka**

Our widows had a fellowship prayer time on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2011. They enjoyed the day and were blessed too. They all had a good worship time and Pastor Aaron strengthened them by the word of God. They shared their testimonies how God is guiding and protecting their families. Our widows are sometimes very isolated and it is difficult to get to them. Hardships abound. There is water to find for drinking, cooking and bathing, firewood to gather for cooking. There are snakes, leopards, water buffalo, land mines and an occasional elephant to avoid. When one gets sick there is nothing but prayer that is available for medical care is almost non-existent. However, it is such a blessing as we watch them receive the word of God with great joy.



**Saratha**  
**Jaffna,**  
**Sri Lanka**

### **Awesome Work of God**

We traveled to a nursing home to visit the elderly. When we came to this Nursing home we entered each room and shared with each one about God's grace and mercy in people's lives and suggest to them to repent of their sins. God helped people and they received with rejoicing our words and they repented.

We have so many volunteers in our church that want to travel with us to the orphanages. They are such a blessing as they share in the work we do. They put aside everything to blow up balloons, share stories, become clowns or an overstuffed cartoon character and to give the children and elderly hugs in the name of Jesus. Our church is very supportive of the work NHOM International is doing in our Odessa Region. God Bless You All!



**Viktoria**  
**Odessa,**  
**Ukraine**

### **Widow's Ministry in Ekaterinberg**

Dalarah traveled with her children to a camp near the sea, and while her sons were in the camp she was active in engaging the faithful in the southern churches to work with widows. After the first trip, there are already two families who agree to take the widows and their children on holiday for free, to pay them food and help with clothes. Dalarah spoke in three different churches, and the glory of the Lord came on and now they are involved in a common ministry. In our church already she is working with about forty widows, but there is one great need of a family. This brings up a woman's youngest daughter, and two children of her eldest daughter- are drug addicts. Working with widows actively continues: One of the widows continues to hold free lessons to children of believers as a speech therapist physician. Another deals with the children of believers in recreational gymnastics. The third holds a free master class for widows in the church and want to teach hairdressing.



**Dalarah**  
**Ekaterinberg**

### **Thank You Valley Christian Center & The Detray Family**

We are so excited about upcoming events. We are awaiting final decision on NGO (Non-Government Organization) status from the Ethiopian Government that should be here any day. We want to thank the DeTray family for providing funds to build a well on our property for our orphanage. We want to thank Valley Christian Center in Lewiston, ID for their financial gift to be able to build our orphanage building. It will be so wonderful to finally have a place for our orphans to actually call home. We have great, loving caretakers who watch over and teach the 12 children we now have. It is a big blessing to me to be part of such a great organization like NHOM International.



**Melaku**  
**Ethiopia**

### **NHOM Prayer Requests**

1. Pray for the safety of our workers in Sri Lanka. The civil war has ended but the devastation and terrorist activities continue.
2. Pray that God would grant traveling mercies for all of our teams as they encounter some of the vilest road and trail conditions. Pray for the safety of our teams and volunteers because they are truly on the front lines of enemy territory.
4. Pray that the needs of NHOM's orphanage in Ethiopia would be met.
5. Pray for the financial needs of NHOM.
6. Pray for NHOM's Board of Directors.
7. Pray for NHOM's team leaders that God would grant them great grace and wisdom to continue there ministry.
8. Pray for open doors in all the countries we are involved with.
9. Pray for our nation that we would return to the Lord with a great repentance.
10. Pray that funds for newer vans and for the Sri Lanka widows center.
11. Pray for John and Evelyn that God would continue to give them strength for the task at hand.

### **We Simply Must Help!**

I did a lot of thinking along the way. The military presence is everywhere and intimidation towards the Tamil people is still very real. Whole cemeteries were desecrated and bulldozed over. Historic markers, statues and other symbolic things destroyed. People were shot and killed, many randomly. The people in Jaffna are as glad the war is over as anyone. They not only realize they have been defeated but they just want to get on with their lives.

In Jaffna most goods are available but much more expensive than Colombo or Kandy. Restoration is slow in coming. Instead of rebuilding the city the government is busy putting up Buddhist temples. Road construction seems to be about the only improvement that is tangible at the moment.

Widows still suffer more than any others. We are committed to helping these who can not fend for themselves. Won't you help sponsor a widow and her family. Any support you can give will help them.

### **Tea Plantations**

The tea plantations in Sri Lanka are located in the higher elevations in what is called the mountains. The tea leaf pickers are usually Tamil people whose religion is Hindu.

The church in Kandy has workers that visit the villages of these tea pickers. They have begun Sunday Schools amongst the villages and now over 400 children and adults attend. NHOM International has sponsored and help support this very important ministry for several years. We need your generous support to continue reaching the unreached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



*Though all most all churches were destroyed in the war not one of the Hindu or Buddhist temples were touched. Above Hindu Temple in Jaffna.*

### **Crusade in Kandy**

One of my dear friends is Pastor Mohan Blessing who Pastors a church in Kandy. He has 3 services each Sunday and has close to 1,000 people attending his church. Since he took over the church 8 years ago he has had to bring the church to order by bringing them back to the holiness of God. He endured ridicule and a church split but he has seen great victory and the people he Pastors are grateful for his faithfulness and love to them.

He invited me to do a 3 day crusade in this very Buddhist part of Sri Lanka. None of us knew what to expect but each service was power packed and many, many souls were saved including Hindu's, Buddhists and Muslims.

### **Special Needs For Our Teams**

#### **Perm, Russia**

\$1,000 Ministry Supplies  
\$1,000 Bibles

#### **Ekaterinberg, Russia**

\$15,000 Newer Van  
\$1,000 Ministry Supplies  
\$1,000 Bibles

#### **Odessa, Ukraine**

\$15,000 Van  
\$650 Projector  
\$150 Screen  
\$1,000 Bibles  
\$1,000 Ministry Supplies

#### **Sri Lanka**

\$50,000 Widows Center  
\$500 Sunday School Supplies

#### **Ethiopia**

\$500 Monthly Rent  
\$20,000 Van  
\$500 School Supplies



### **Pastor Bashir**

Many of you remember my friend Pastor Bashir and his family. They escaped to Sri Lanka with their lives from Pakistan after they were beaten, their church destroyed and their lives threatened. They have been waiting for more than three years for disposition after filing for asylum because of persecution. Finally they have received word that they will be going to Canada. Thank you for praying for them you did make a difference

### **Prayer Meeting**

Everyday at Pastor Mohan's church in Kandy there is a well attended prayer



meeting. During one of these meetings a spontaneous move of the Holy Spirit moved people to wash each other's feet. Here Pastor Mohan washes the feet of one at that prayer meeting. It was one of the most powerful times in my ministry as he washed my feet and then I washed his. What a privilege.

### **NHOM Now On Face book**

If you enjoy our newsletter which only comes out quarterly, then you will enjoy the updates in between the newsletters on face book. Go to your browser, click on Face book and type in the following:

**New Hope Outreach Ministries  
(NHOM International)**

And this should bring you right into our face book page. Updates are made weekly by my great wife Evelyn Shane.

### **Travel With Us!**

We would love to have you join us on one of our life changing missions trips. To find out more information on trips to Russia, Ukraine, Sri Lanka or Ethiopia contact us at 253-875-3202 or e-mail us at [nhomjohnny@gmail.com](mailto:nhomjohnny@gmail.com) Each trip is unique and involves many

**Have a Very Blessed Thanksgiving  
And Warm Christmas Greetings  
And a Soul-Winning New Year  
From All of Us At  
NHOM International**