

# River of God

*“for the healing of the nations.”*

On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Revelations 22:2

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## A WORD FROM... THE JONES' BROTHERS

As we began 1999, Jesus was blowing his wind upon us. Soon a torrent of life and power was being poured out on the mountains. I often wondered, “Lord, how do we harness the power of this river?” It reminded me of the rushing waters of the rivers during flood time here in the mountains. We knew God’s power wasn’t just being poured out to be wasted, but in a similar way to a hydro plant, we needed to use it to continue to produce something for many people.

Phillip and Saukeen, David and Lucy, and Keiry and I had just come out of a very dry time. It reminded us of the famine in the days of Elijah, when the word of the Lord had become scarce. We needed to move from where we were spiritually and find a place like the brook of Cherith where Elijah spent his days, drinking from that brook and eating what the ravens brought him.

So we turned to Randel Stringer. Randel and Sue Stringer had spent a month with us here in the mountains in '97, when they were beginning to walk in their calling. They had formed a ministry called God’s Hands Extended in Texas, which, among other things, processed funds for several missionaries. Soon we met with Randel and the board, and they agreed to work with us. They wanted us to have a separate name for our ministry, and so River of God was born, inspired by this river that was rushing all around us.

Eventually, the Lord Jesus led us to one of the reasons for this outpouring: the demise of the gods of this land. Two years later, on the banks of one of the mighty rivers of these mountains, the unlimited power of the name of Jesus MADE A SPECTACLE OF THE GODS OF THIS LAND. This began a new day and we are trusting and the names of their idols will be remembered no more. ZECH. 13:2.

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But what we see in the vision of Ezekiel is that the river gets deeper and deeper the farther it flows. As we look back over these eight years, we see that, regardless of the ways in which we have struggled, the healing from the tree of life is flowing broader and deeper. This has led to a larger volume of work, people, logistics, and money involved. During these years we have moved on from a place like Cherith



The Jones Brothers

Timothy, David, and Philip at work in the new translation office.

## A WORD FROM... RIVER OF GOD BOARD

Dear River of God Family,

God is mysterious. We look back and have to smile at how this organization came to be. The Lord led a Cabecar man to request help in ministering to the mountain people. Since then, God has intertwined our lives with His workers in the mountains of Costa Rica, from a medical mission trip with a local doctor, to a search for Cabecar Bibles, to meeting the Jones’ families, to muddy mission trips. At least once a year since 1999, we have joined the Jones to build buildings and to hike trails, to watch and to pray.

We invite you to join us in celebrating what the Lord is doing in building relationships, in translating the Bible, in discipling each other, and ultimately, in bringing glory to His Kingdom.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Robert and Lisa Beihn,  
Blane and Chris McMichen,  
Jay and Amy Shultz

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### A WORD FROM... RANDEL STRINGER

I'm excited that River of God is getting additional assistance with their ministry by a group of people in Indiana. These folks have been to Costa Rica many times and are fully committed to help the Jones in their vision of bringing Christ to the Indians. They have formed their own tax exempt corporation dedicated totally to River of God. They have my wholehearted endorsement and I hope you will continue your support.

**Randel Stringer**

### THE JONES' BROTHERS CONTINUED...

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During the early years of this outpouring I would go about my day praying, "Lord, send us masons and carpenters, wood and stone as you did for the building of Solomon's temple." We had near strangers come up to us and say, "We want to help you." They helped us



**Lisa Beihn and Chris McMichen with Randel**

build buildings, hike trails, or watch and pray. Whatever we needed to do, their hands were with us to do it, no questions asked, no complaints made.

During all these years Randel and Sue Stringer were always there, faithfully caring for us and depositing the money that is contributed to us. And now some from among those who have helped us on the frontlines have agreed to take the River of God vision a step further.

At the end of this year, Randel will be passing the baton to these friends in Indiana. They have formed a new organization, River of God, Inc. They will handle funds received in the United States, as well as represent us and call others into battle with us. Since they have been with us in the trenches, they are able to do this. We are so deeply involved with the people we serve here, that it is hard to communicate adequately with you all of you out there. We want to be closer to you, and the River of God board is going to help us do that.

River of God, Inc. is not about a particular country of the world, or a particular people group that we work with. Yes, Costa Rica is a spring board for what we do, and will do, in the Kingdom. Yes, we do work with minority groups, speak several languages, and are translating the Bible into one of them. But River of God is about His life and the healing flowing to the nations. The harnessing of the river has just begun. It will go as far as we have the faith to make it go. We want to thank those of you who have backed us all these years, and we invite you to move forward with us in this walk of faith.

Timothy Jones, together with Philip and David Jones

**River of God, Inc.**

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River of God Family,

Thank you for prayerfully considering how the Lord may be prompting you to support His work, and His servants, Timothy, Philip, and David Jones, and their families. Most of all we covet your prayers for:

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David and Lucy	Philip and Saukeen	Timothy and Keiry
? The Lord's peace and contentment for our home and family	? Time, patience and perseverance to raise a family for God	? The formation of our six children in the kingdom
? For God to move powerfully throughout the mountains, bringing many to repentance	? A director, teachers, and a classroom building for a Christian High School	? The completion of the revision of the Cabecar New Testament

If you are interested in supporting these ministries financially, you have several options. Effective January 1, 2007, you may choose your donations to be split among all three families. Or, you may already have a relationship with one family and wish to only continue supporting them. You may prayerfully decide to direct money to living expenses or ministry expenses. If you feel so led, you may designate funds to a special project:

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David and Lucy	Philip and Saukeen	Timothy and Keiry
? Vocational Training needs such as chainsaws, generator, etc.	? Funds to staff and support a Christian High School	? Materials for Bible translation
? Building foot bridges in the remote jungle	? Agricultural Training Needs such as fish ponds, livestock, small businesses, etc.	? Bible audio-recording expenses

Laboring for Him,  
The River of God Board

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