

Thank you MBC missions committee. Blessings on y'all! *Alan*

From the Pieratts



CRI Children's Relief International

Taking the light of Christ to the poor

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WORLDVENTURE



Hello friends,

Each morning at our Children's Relief office we reserve time for prayer from 8:30 to 9:00, including a short devotional. A recent verse for consideration was Paul's advice to Timothy: "I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you" (1 Tim. 1:6). We rekindled last week through a staff retreat at a campground in Broken Bow, Oklahoma, not far from the Arkansa border.

Jason chose our theme for the retreat from the documentary "The Dawn Wall." Climbing the sheer cliff on the side of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park is a daunting task. The first climbers took six years to inch their way to the top.



We sometimes feel like we are inching more than surging. CRI reached \$2.5 million in revenue two years back, but we have't been able to push beyond it. Books on my shelf tell me that this amount is an invisible glass ceiling for almost all organizations like ours.

There are so many people in the world who are suffering but could be helped. We want our mission of taking the light of Christ to go as far as it can. God willing, this is the year we will keep moving up. We just added five new staff members, and three new overseas projects.

Thanks to each of you reading this private letter. Your support of our work makes our mission possible.