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"...That All...The Earth May Know"

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"For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 1:12-13

Dear Friends,

Missionary Egerton Ryerson Young served the Saulteaux tribe in Canada in the 1700s. The chief of the tribe thanked Missionary Young for bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to his people saying that he was hearing the gospel for the first time in his old age. The chief then made this observation, "Well, I do not want to be rude, but it does seem to me that it took a long time for you to tell this Good News to your brother in the woods." It was a remark that went straight to Young's heart and one he never forgot. There have been many times that I've pondered the "zigs" and "zags" of my life, thinking of the people I could reach *if only*. Then God prompts me to look around right where I am to see the many who have never heard of Jesus. I, all of us, have a story to tell—the greatest story ever—wherever we go.

I am excited to communicate with you that part of sharing the greatest story ever and reaching people for Christ is that of helping to equip Papua New Guinea national pastor, Pastor Tau Abary, in the village of KilaKila, right outside the capitol city of Port Moresby, build a 90'x42' church/school/ministry buildings that will consist of four classrooms (classrooms to serve as Sunday School rooms on Sundays, Christian school classrooms during the week, and Bible Institute classes in the evenings), a medical clinic—a much needed outreach ministry for the village, and a prophet's chamber as many national pastors and guests from the States travel through Port Moresby to reach other parts of the country and often need a resting place. Pastor Tau is one of our preacher boys who trained under our ministry in Papua New Guinea. He has been faithful and is a tremendous blessing and encouragement as he serves the Lord there in the Port Moresby area. Our goal and what we are praying to raise for this building project is \$100,000. The Lord has blessed with \$8,000 thus far enabling Pastor Tau to put the roof on, add side walls to the building, and construct some interior framework.

Please pray and consider being a part of this much needed ministry building project. All donations will be handled through Baptist International Missions, Inc. Gifts for this building project should be marked in care of Dan DeLong, Drawer #21. All funds raised will go directly to the building project there in Port Moresby. Photos to the right show the progress of the building to date with updates to come as progress is made.

Over the last couple months, we were blessed to participate in mission meetings, Bible college teaching, and youth camps in Maryland, California, Alabama, Tennessee, and Ohio. We praise the Lord for His goodness in reaching the hearts of adults and young people for His service.

The fall months are filled with traveling to the states of Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina, and Texas to preach a mission conference, teach missions in several Bible Colleges, and teach and preach to youth ministries. I am thankful for your prayers for safety and for God's blessing to be upon all that will be accomplished for Him. I not only want to tell the wonderful story of the gospel but also recruit and encourage individuals and churches in world missions.

We are truly blessed by your faithful partnership in our ministry. Thank you for your continued prayer and support. As we move forward for our Lord, may we remember that we have a story to tell—the story of Jesus Christ. There are people right where we are as well as around the world who need to hear this wonderful story of Good News.

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