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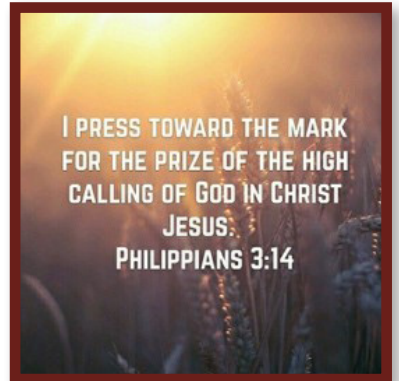
Dear Friends,

In *Philippians 3*, the apostle Paul uses athletic terms to describe our journey of faith. He compared the Christian life to a race and admitted that he had not yet arrived at the finish line. He wrote in *Philippians 3:13-14*, "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*". Paul did not look back nor did he let his present successes make him complacent. He pressed on toward the goal of becoming more and more like Christ. Today, we, too, are running a race. Like Paul, we must strive to be intentional in our race always pressing toward the goal of accomplishing our calling in Him.



"**EQUIPPED**," our 2025 ministry theme, has been a clear-cut "mark" we are pressing toward as we endeavor to help, assist, and encourage Bible college students in missions, churches in their missions outreach, the youth of today, and our national pastors/churches in Papua New Guinea and Australia. The Lord has blessed mightily as we have pursued this goal. Over these past two months, we were privileged to be in eight churches in five different states and saw six individuals trust Christ as their personal Savior and four others called into worldwide missions. We are thankful for the Lord's guidance, protection, and safety in the many miles traveled and the wonderful responses to the Lord and His calling.

I am excited for my upcoming trip to Papua New Guinea and Australia this May. I will be preaching, teaching, and serving our national pastors and people there. The "Building Papua New Guinea" project has grown to \$30,000 thus far. All funds raised have been and will continue to be used for the building of classrooms for Shalom Baptist Church, the Bible institute connected with Shalom Baptist Church, and Shalom Christian Academy in Port Moresby. A health clinic to be operated as a ministry outreach will also be constructed with funds raised for this project. Lord willing, our goal, the "mark" we are striving for, is to raise an additional \$70,000 for the completion of this building project. "**Thank You**" to all who have given to this project. We are grateful beyond words and know that the Lord will use all for His glory. To the right are several photos of students who currently attend Shalom Christian Academy. More classrooms



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are a definite need to aid in better facilitating the Christian education these children are receiving as well as those who attend the Bible institute and church ministries.

All giving for the “Building Papua New Guinea” project goes directly through Baptist International Missions, Inc. (BIMI). You may give by mail through BIMI. Please designate on the check that your giving is for Dan DeLong, “Building Papua New Guinea,” Drawer #21. You may also give through our website at: delongministries.org. Use the QR code given there. The QR code is linked to BIMI where funds are accounted for. A Donation Statement will be sent to you from BIMI at the end of the year for tax purposes. Should you have any questions or desire more information about the “Building Papua New Guinea” project, you may reach me at 423.994.0492

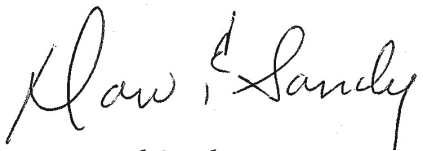
In our last prayer letter, I asked for prayer for Pastor Cam Drews and his wife, Lauren, who are pastoring in Cairns, Australia. They are a young couple—just in their 30’s. Lauren has been dealing with cancer complications for quite some time. It was determined by the medical professionals there in Cairns that the best course of action for Lauren was to have surgery to remove her left leg at the hip (where the cancer was centralized). That surgery has since occurred. At present, Lauren is doing well, but you can only imagine the wide-ranging life-changes this has brought about for both Lauren and Drew. Please pray for this dear couple as they navigate through the many adjustments, difficulties, and complexities this has brought into their lives. Cam and Lauren are in good spirits and trusting the Lord, but this new journey is not without its own set of struggles. Pray for wisdom as they continue to press forward in the ministry God has called them to there in the Cairns area.

How are we able to press on toward our future hope? *Hebrews 12:1-2* reads, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the same, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” May we never call it quits in pursuing Jesus.

Thank you for partnering with us as we press onward in our call to serve the Lord in world missions. We are ever grateful and appreciate all that is done on our behalf. Your support and prayers are truly a blessing.

I look forward to updating you in our next prayer letter on God’s work in our Papua New Guinea and Australian ministries.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan & Sandy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dan and Sand DeLong
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