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

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Dear Friends,

*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16*

Lighthouses were built with the purpose of enabling ship captains to navigate into safe harbors. While each individual lighthouse has its own unique structure varying in size, color, style, and shape, all lighthouses have one main objective—that of shining a bright light that makes it possible for ships/sailors to be guided to shore safely. A lighthouse is most useful and appreciated when, in the darkness of night, only its light can be seen—not the structure itself.



When Jesus sent out His disciples, He called them *"...the light of the world."* (Matthew 5:14) He also pointed out that their mission was not to draw attention to themselves but to do good works that would cause people to acknowledge God's goodness and glorify Him. Jesus said that just as the lighthouse's purpose is to give light, we are also to let our light shine. (Matthew 5:15-16) We are most effective when we shine brightly in the darkness guiding people to find safe harbor in Christ.



The months of May and June brought many wonderful blessings as we continue to strive to equip and minister to those whom God has privileged us to serve.

1. As mentioned in our previous prayer letter, I was privileged to travel to Australia and Papua New Guinea in May to teach, preach, equip, and encourage our nationals in Cairns, Australia, and Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. What a blessing to serve the people there and witness first-hand how God's light is being shown in each country.

Cairns, Australia: God has been so good to our church in Cairns, Australia. Pastor Cam, an Australian national, is doing a wonderful work with Christians being strengthened and souls being saved. He and his wife, Lauren, celebrated their first year anniversary being at this church while I was there. Lauren, for whom I have asked for prayer due to her losing her right leg to cancer, is doing well considering what she has been through. She continues to undergo chemotherapy and will complete those treatments soon. Please pray for Lauren as she and Pastor Cam adjust to all the life-changes due to surgery and cancer treatments. To the right are several photos from my time with the dear folks in Cairns.



Shalom Baptist Church, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea:

The Building Papua New Guinea Project continues to grow and expand. I was blessed and thrilled to deliver \$15,000 to Pastor Tau for the continuation of the building project. This amount will be used to purchase and install doors, windows, insulation, and drywall. Thus far, the Lord has provided a total of \$30,000 for this building project with this latest \$15,000 being the second amount given to this work. I am praying to raise another \$20,000 by the end of this year to continue the progress of the building project as Christian school and Bible institute classrooms as well as a health clinic to reach the community are built. Following on the back of this letter are several photos of the building progress and other photos of teaching, preaching, and encouraging the people there.

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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 honor and glory.

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- I was also blessed to preach in two other Australian churches during my time in Australia— Little River Baptist Church in Atherton, Queensland, and for fellow BIMI missionary Joe Marshall’s church in Brisbane, Australia. The Lord blessed also in May and June as I was privileged to preach at churches and youth camps in West Virginia, Ohio, and Tennessee. It was wonderful to see 22 souls saved and 30 young people/adults dedicate themselves to following God’s will for their lives over the last two months.



A quick note regarding the Papua New Guinea Bible Project—as of this date 1,070,000 Bibles have been distributed to students and teachers throughout the Papua New Guinea school systems. Praise the Lord for His goodness. **Thank you** to all who have participated in this Bible project—many souls have been reached for Christ.

We are truly blessed by each ministry we are privileged to serve in and are joyful to share what God has done and is continuing to do in Australia and Papua New Guinea as we strive to shine the light of the gospel. We are thankful for each one of you, your prayers, and faithful support of our ministry. May we always be diligent in our effort to be bright lights for the Lord as we strive to guide lost souls to Him. A thought to remember: *A little light makes a big difference in the darkest night.*

In Christ, The DeLongs