

Dear Friends,

When the *Titanic* hit an iceberg in April of 1912, Pastor John Harper secured a spot for his six-year-old daughter in one of the limited number of lifeboats. He gave his life-vest to a fellow passenger and shared the gospel with anyone who would listen. As the vessel sank and hundreds of people awaited an unlikely rescue, Harper swam from one person to another and said, *"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."* (Acts 16:31) After the terrible tragedy and during a meeting for survivors of the *Titanic* in Ontario, Canada, one man referred to himself as "the last convert of John Harper." This individual, having rejected Harper's first invitation, received Christ when Pastor Harper asked him a second time. He then watched as Harper devoted the last moments of his life to sharing Jesus before succumbing to hypothermia and sinking below the surface of the frigid water. Today, as we view the turmoil and chaos in our world, we realize, like Pastor Harper, that our time to reach the lost may be limited and that we urgently need to be about our Father's business in telling the Good News of Jesus Christ to lost souls.



Part of the urgency to reach lost souls for Christ is that of equipping and enabling others to be ready and willing to share Christ's salvation message. We feel immeasurably blessed to have such an wonderful opportunity to serve in such an important task. Praise the Lord for the eight individuals who trusted Christ as their personal Savior during our meetings these past few months in the states of Texas, Nebraska, Iowa, California, and Tennessee. We are grateful for the opportunity to teach missions and preach the message of salvation. We also give thanks to the Lord for His watch care over us in health, safety, and protection.

Updates:

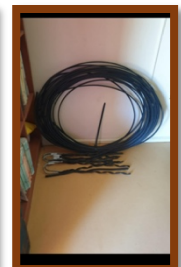
Cairns, Australia:

Pastor Cam is excited and encouraged with how the Lord is blessing and leading. Recently, the church had a special day and had the joy of having several new Filipino families visit. A photo of that group is to the right. There are many Filipino's living in Cairns, so the opportunity to reach them with the gospel is abundant. An exciting opportunity has recently come about for the church—the church has a great prospect to purchase a church building that has become vacant and is up for sale. Having a permanent meeting facility would be a tremendous asset as well as a means to reach even more people. Bids are presently being made for the property. Prayerfully, if the Lord leads and the church's bid is accepted, the church will locate to this permanent location. A photo of that church building facility is to the right. Please pray for the church, the possibility of purchasing a church facility, and Lauren, Pastor Cam's wife. Lauren is doing well, but both Pastor Cam and Lauren would appreciate your prayers as she navigates and adapts to life with just one leg.



Shalom Baptist Church:

The "Building Papua New Guinea" project continues to progress as the building is about half-way finished. God has blessed tremendous. As of this date, \$50,000 has been given towards the construction of this building. Electricity, plumbing, and interior finishes (walls, windows, doors), are now being installed. The two photos to the right (that of a power line and wiring) may seem a bit strange to include in a prayer letter, but getting power connected from a main power line to the building is a HUGE accomplishment as



that in itself is a long, costly, and extended time process. Shalom Baptist Church continues to grow and reach their Jerusalem. God has been good, and we give Him all the glory for all that is being accomplished there at Shalom Baptist Church. Thank you to all who have given and sacrificed for this important building project as the building project will enable Shalom Baptist Church to reach and disciple more and more people in their outreach ministries, Bible college ministry, and Christian school.

As mentioned in previous letters, if the Lord would so lead you to help with this mission project, 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 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. We are thankful for all the Lord has and will continue to do and give Him all the praise and glory for the blessing and opportunity to serve in equipping others to serve Christ.

"Thank you" for the part each of you have in the ministry as we urgently strive to reach those who are unreached with the gospel. We are grateful for all that is done on our behalf. Our days are limited, and every moment counts. Prayerfully, may we use each and every opportunity availed to us to share Christ's love and salvation with others. Thank you again. May the Lord continue to bless you as you serve Him.

Yours in Christ,

The DeLongs