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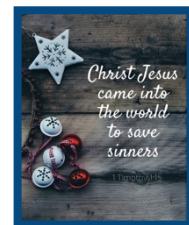
*"...That All...The Earth May Know"*

Dear Friends,

***"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost"***

**Luke 19:10**

Christmas is a wonderful time of the year. It is a special time that we specifically set aside each year to remember Christ's birth and the reason He left Heaven to come to earth. Jesus, Himself, said that He came ***"...to seek and to save that which was lost"*** (Luke 19:10). The Bible tells us that ***"...all have sinned..."*** and that ***"...the wages of sin is death..."*** (Romans 3:23; 6:23). In order to save the world, Jesus had to die for it. He came, lived a perfect life, and then died the death we should have died. The true meaning of Christmas is that Jesus was born to die. He was crucified and then rose from the dead. Now, forgiveness of sin and the assurance of heaven is offered to all who believe (John 1:12). This is the Christmas message—Jesus came into this world to be our Savior!



As we strive to use every opportunity to serve and witness for Christ, we are thankful for His many blessings and the privilege of equipping and enabling others to be ready and willing to share the message of Jesus Christ. During the months of November and December, we praise the Lord for six individuals who trusted Christ as their personal Savior as we traveled to meetings in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. It was a special blessing to minister to high school students from three different Christian Schools in Pennsylvania and see their tender hearts towards the call of missions in their lives. (Photo to the right of one Christian School I was privileged to minister to.) We are grateful for the opportunity to aid in the equipping of the next generation for the Lord's service.



#### Updates:

##### Cairns, Australia:

As mentioned in our last prayer letter—the church in Cairns is pursuing the purchase of a church building and property. The property did not receive a high enough bid from any buyer; therefore, the property is going into public auction which will take place in a few weeks. Pastor Cam is praying they will be able to be one of the highest bidders when the auction is held and be able to obtain the church property. Having a permanent building and location would be such a great asset as the church continues to move forward in reaching the people of Cairns. We, as well as the church folks there in Cairns, would greatly appreciate your prayers for God's leading and direction in this matter

##### Shalom Baptist Church:

The "Building Papua New Guinea" project continues to progress and make headway. We are thankful for several new churches that have given towards the project. We are at the 50% mark of meeting the goal of raising \$100,000 for the building project. As you can see from the photo to the right, a greater capacity for ministering to the community, the surrounding area of Port Moresby, and the country is needed as the church has grown and is "busting at the seams." The Christian School is also in need of more space to facility the many who desire a Christian education for their children. The school year has come to an end there in Papua New Guinea. A photo of the 2025 Shalom Christian School graduation is shown to the right. Thank you to all who have made this building project possible. Pastor Tau and the people of Shalom Baptist Church are also most grateful and so excited with the possibilities that the expanded building facilities will bring.



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Continuing Ministry in Papua New Guinea/Australia  
International Representative

Not to be redundant, as we have mentioned this in several previous letters, but if the Lord would so lead you to give assistance 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](http://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.

We are grateful for each of you who are a part of the ministry God has called us to through your faithful prayer and support. **"Thank you!"** As we take this time of year to rejoice in the birth of our Lord, may we also be a ready witness of His gift of salvation. We wish you all a blessed and **Merry Christmas!**



God offers new life;  
Yea, what more could He give  
For He sent the Redeemer  
That sinners might live!  
**Unless we see the cross overshadowing the cradle,  
we have lost the real meaning of Christ's birth.**

In Christ,

*Paul & Sandy*  
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