

THE Florences

2023 YEAR END UPDATE
Praise the Lord!

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN WESTERN
PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Dear Friends,

*Ps. 150:6 Let everything that hath breath praise the LORD.
Praise Ye the LORD!*

As we look back on 2023 we have so much to be thankful for! First of all, we are thankful for the incredible gift of our Wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ! It is because of His selfless and sacrificial gift that we are also enabled to give ourselves as His servants here in Papua New Guinea.

We are thankful for the ministry activities we are able to engage in. My most enjoyable ministry has been investing into the young men in the **Western Baptist Bible Institute** on a daily basis. We have seen much growth and fruit from this ministry. This year we averaged 18 students in our combined classes. Five young men were saved and baptized. Four out of our ten new students have surrendered to full-time ministry. We had our graduation on December 10th and are thankful to see 10 first year and three 2nd year students receive their certificates.

I am still pastoring **Berean Independent Baptist Church** which we started 3 years ago. We have seen more professions of faith this year than ever before. We have baptized 8 souls this year, ordained our first preacher into the full-time ministry, sent out our first missionary to West Papua, Indonesia, started another church plant out of this one, as well as started several ongoing fellowships around Kiunga Town. On the physical side we have renovated the church building and adapted it to be a multipurpose building during the week so that we can use it for our new Christian school as well.

It is a blessing and huge prayer request to be announcing the start of **Berean Christian International Academy** that will begin January 29th, 2024. We have had many church members request for us to start this Christian school. This year we will have only kindergarten and we are praying to add a grade each year after this. Please, please be in prayer for this new ministry. It is a huge step of faith for us. On top of all the other ministries we are currently leading, this will stretch our faith and our management abilities past our limits. Please also pray that God will send us the right partners to help us in this ministry. Whether that is a volunteer teacher from the USA or a teacher from here in PNG, we are desperately waiting on God to provide the needs for our school.

On the family side, our kids are continuing to homeschool. They completed their work in December and are now looking forward to starting the next grade level in January. Abigail is in 7th; Ruth is in 5th; Titus is in 3rd; and Josiah is kicking off 1st grade. Over the last year, we are thankful for our families' good health. While we struggle with skin irritations, the occasional case of malaria and our usual diarrhea, we have been in good health during this year of 2023.

We want to close our year-end update by saying "Thank You" once again for your prayers and support through out this year. Through your support and by God's grace we have seen much accomplished for God's Glory in this year!

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