



Missionary Letters

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Dear Grace Church:

THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR SENDING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR GRACE CHURCH! It has been over two years since we had received any information on happenings at Grace.

First of all, we remain deeply grateful for your commitment as a church to continue your support of us. Hopefully, our recent communications have been forwarded to your missions committee. We are in the final weeks of a short furlough. We fly to Philadelphia next week to visit with some of our supporters and former military members who were with us in Germany. After travel in NJ, Eastern PA and Northern Virginia, we will end up in Williamsburg on Feb. 16 with our America's Leadership team for Cadence International. We will resume our pastoral/supervisory role of 12 western states ministries on Mar. 8.

If I read the Annual Report correctly, I discovered that Pastor Reynolds is no longer at Grace. When did the change take place?

It was encouraging to read through the names of those in charge and in attendance at the various flock groups. Out here in Oregon, we call them Community Life Groups. Our son is an associate pastor at a Baptist church near Mt. Hood. He oversees all the life groups and provides training for the expansion of those ministries.

Before closing, I went to your website and read through much of your doctrinal position. It was most refreshing to see the church adhering to the truths that were instilled in me as a highschool student at Grace years ago, and that Beryl and I can honestly say that as your missionaries we continue to uphold those truths which I give testimony to at my ordination at Grace/New Milford Baptist many years ago.

Also, in looking at your website under the "Missions" category, may I suggest that you go to Cadence's Website and follow the link to our missionaries/staff? You will find a recent picture of us and a brief description of us and our present ministry that you should be able to copy to your web page.

We are excited for your team preparing to go to Mexico. I've been to Ensenada only once time to help our director in So. Calif. who works with Marines. Up to last year, he made monthly trips to the Northern Baja to help deliver tons of food and clothing, scriptures and tracts to those working with the many orphanages.

Thank you again for you support and sending the report. Please greet the church family from us.

Yours in His love and grace,

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Tanner News

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**What a wonderful, heart-fi
Here are a few of the pictures...**

Dear Grace Church,

How are you?

If the rest of the year goes as fast as the first month, it's going to seem like a short year. It looks like we will finish our translation project of 128 Bible lessons done in Melanesian Pidgin English. We only have 15 left to do. These lessons will be a great tool for individuals and church leaders to use for teaching. We are trying to get them all formatted and ready for printing. We're not sure where and when they will be printed, but we want to have them ready to go.

Home Assignment (furlough)

This coming December we will be leaving for our furlough. As it appears now, we will spend the first few weeks in Taylors, SC and then move up to Perry, MI. I

Tom and Aina Kaupa are faithfully translating the Bible lessons I've done into Elimbari for the church there. Praise God for their faithfulness. They never had any children of their own, but have adopted some nephews. Tom and Aina have developed into conference speakers in the Simbu Province, where they live. Pray for them.

We've had a lot of rain so far this year, but not as much as some other countries we see on the news. We have also had some unusual gusty winds that send trees and branches crashing to the ground.

Our grandson, Dustin Tanner, will be graduating high school this May. It is the same school from which his dad Tom and our two daughters graduated. We're blessed to see two generations attend Numonohi Christian Academy. After his graduation, they will all be heading to FL to get Dustin settled into American life.

I have started a Bible study with Francis, the young man who helps Kathy with comprehensions checks on the Bible lessons. He was recently recruited to play on the Lahani Rugby Team, which is a great honor for a young man. Pray that God's Word will shine in his heart.

The Yagaria (pronounced yah-gah-ree-ah) churches are involved in sending out many missionaries to spread God's Word in various places. They recently built two houses for missionaries to live in a section of the capital, Port Moresby, and have started 2 other outreaches in that city. They have started a church in the city of Lae recently and also are sending a couple families to minister in Usino. They are totally self-supporting and eager to serve the Lord.

Thank you for your gift of \$375 sent in January.

Love,

Jim & Kathy



some of the festive crowd attending the celebration (Phil Grubb led worship)



dear Linda at the piano (and Sophie accompanies on violin)



This guy loves to preach!



Loving gifts from our dear QBC family (look at that special flag!)



Yes, it got a bit emotional at times!

Pastor Doug Wilson

A festive day - January 31. Great fruitfulness from seeds we had sown long ago!



Welcoming dear Clive and Hannah Tookey into QBC membership!



Yours truly - preaching like always!



Joyfully bringing Mike Parker into our QBC leadership team!

Pastor Doug Wilson