



Missionary Letters

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Ron & Vicki Letts
Missionaries to Australia



September 15, 2011

Grace Church VBS,

We are into our third month in Australia and spent the first few weeks checking on our Churches that we had the privilege of starting and then handing them over to an Australian. We could see that they are carrying on (not with out their trails,)but they are carrying on in the work of our Lord and doing well, to which we rejoice and thank the Lord. That sets us free to go north and help out another missionary who needs to go back to the States for furlough. Because of the raising cost and the devaluation of the US dollar he has lost 30% of his support and has asked me if we would watch over his work long enough so he could get back on his feet, so we have decide to do that.

It is a small group of people who are meeting in a school just South of Brisbane in an area called Maudsland. We have met with them and are beginning to build a relationship. We have already shared the Word of God with them on several occasions and are looking forward to seeing this church grow and change.

We are hoping that our container comes soon (believe it or not it still hasn't come.) We where told just the other day that it will be at least 3 more weeks before we will see it. We have borrowed one (two seater) couch and two breakfast bar stools. We had to buy our electrical appliances.....you would be surprised how much you take for granted the little things we need to use....bowls, silver wear, towels, rags to clean.....until you don't have them. We are renting a 3 bed room house and have borrowed a mattress that lays on the floor. Well for right now those things are doing great.....but when it comes to the ministry we can't wait until we get our tools. I learnt a long time ago that without the right kind of tools to do the joy it takes a lot longer to get the job done.

Really the reason for this letter is to thank you....the people of Grace Church of Rootstown for helping finically (once again) in our ministry in Australia. It was a great surprise and a blessing to see that VBS.....made us their mission for this years VBS. Thank you very much.

Ron & Vicki Letts
Your Missionaries in Australia

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Preparations begin to return to Papua New Guinea

September, 2011

Dear Friends at Grace,

Wow! Summer is nearly over. It is time for us to make plans to return to PNG. We are planning to fly to Los Angeles on November 24th, and from there on to Sydney, Australia. After visiting friends and the NTM training center, we will fly on to Pt Moresby, the capital of PNG, where we will meet with church leaders, to see how we might help them in the days ahead.

We have finished translating the first two sections of a manual to help people learn another language and culture in a systematic way. There are still two more sections to translate, but we're not sure when we are able to complete those. We were able to send the completed work to a tribal team in Madang Province, PNG, to use in trying to reach their neighboring tribe. That will keep them busy for at least 8-10 months.

This month will be spent traveling to a 5 day retreat and then on to 3 supporting churches in PA, OH and WV. Pray for good meetings and safety.

Thank you for your prayers.

In His love,

Jim & Kathy Tanner



September, 2011

The 57 Bible lessons printed in 5 volumes in N. Ireland have arrived in the coastal port of Lae, PNG, but haven't cleared customs for some reason. Please pray they will be cleared soon, and get safely to the Highland's regional office.

We will be attending a spiritual refreshment retreat for 5 days here in Michigan starting Sunday the 11th. We'll return to our house on the 16th, do laundry and load up and leave on the 17th for a trip to speak in churches in PA, OH and WV, returning on the 26th. Pray that those who attend the meetings will be encouraged and challenged by God's Word. The last two weeks of October, we plan on visiting family, friends and churches in SC. Our van has nearly 200,000 miles on it, but it has been running well. We would appreciate your prayers for our safety and for God to use us to speak to His children.

Our new ministry with church leaders in Papua New Guinea will become clearer to us as we meet with church leaders in different parts of the country when we return. Pray for us to have good contacts and to know who to help first. We have been gathering different booklets that we believe will strengthen the churches if we can translate them into Melanesian Pidgin English for them, so we'll have a translation ministry as well as a teaching one.

We sure have enjoyed the seasonal changes this home assignment. We plan on starting our trip back to Papua New Guinea via Australia on November 24th, so we may not see much snow before we leave. We could use your help with our fares back. We have purchased our tickets from Los Angeles to Sydney, Australia, but still need our tickets from here to L.A. and from Sydney on up to PNG. If God encourages you to help us, please send your assistance to our headquarters (see address below) with a notation saying, "For Jim & Kathy Tanner."

We want to thank all of you who have been praying for us. We know without your prayers and financial help, we wouldn't be able to serve the Lord as missionaries. Praise God that Lord willing when we arrive back in PNG, it will mark our 42nd year there. Who would have ever thought that we would be honored to serve the Lord like this? He deserves all the glory for anything good that has happened.

In Christ's love,
Jim & Kathy Tanner



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