



# Missionary Letters

## November 2011

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**Pastor & Friends,**

The first week in October our container was released and came up here from Sydney to make its way to our doorstep, it took a little over 4 months. I hate moving! But this time it was like Christmas in the fall. We got the blade knife to open a ton of boxes. We put together the desk so we could study and even had to put the chair together.... that is where the Phillips screw driver came in handy. The book shelves and the storage cabinets....were the hardest to put together, just the same it all came safe and sound a couple of minor dents and scratches...but other than that we are good. The tools I mentioned in our last letter were the first thing that came off the container and my goodness it was great having the right tools.

Now I have a place to sit, books and a desk to help me study...just lead me to a hungry heart! Talk about a hungry heart we had a young couple come to know the Lord as their Savior just a couple of months ago, this Sunday they will be baptized to make their public profession of their faith in Jesus Christ. We shout to the Lord in praise for this couple, Selwin & Lenea, in their twenties hopefully our next leaders in our work here in Australia. We also had some chairs to sit on so we invited our first family for tea (that's dinner) just soon after to begin building relationships between the few that attend our church.

I mentioned at the first of this letter that it is like Christmas in the fall....well October is really not the fall here. In fact to day is mid November and in just two weeks it will be the first day of summer. It has already started to get very hot...as you already know our weather is just the opposite of yours. December the first is the longest day of the year meaning the first day of summer....so we are getting climatized to this hot, humid weather in the northern part of Australia.

Well....I know you all have been praying for us and we certainly thank you. Pray that we might be able to get into some homes....we can't share the gospel if we can't get among people. Everybody is so busy just making a living around here that they have a hard time opening up to life's real needs. Pray that the Lord will place us in a position that we will be able to share our Lord with many. And one more thing pray for this young couple to grow and change.

**Ron & Vicki Letts**

**Australians For Christ**

Thanksgiving

November 2011

Dear Grace Church,

It's hard to believe that our year of home assignment is drawing to an end. It has certainly been a full and memorable time. Our trip to TN and SC went well. The van turned over 200,000 miles and was as dependable as the first time we drove it. We will try to sell it during our last week here. We recently installed a wood burning fireplace insert which really takes the edge off the cold weather. We're debating about replacing some of the old windows before we leave. Pray for wisdom.

Recently, we heard from Greg and Heidi Greenlaw, who will be working with us in training church leaders/teachers in Papua New Guinea. They will return to the field in January.

Many have asked about our departure date. Lord willing, we will fly out of Flint, MI on Thanksgiving Day. We'll land in Chicago and get a flight to Los Angeles, and we'll fly on to Sydney, Australia the same evening. Needless to say, it will be a long day. We hope to visit friends in the Sydney area, at the NTM headquarters at Lakewood, and in the Brisbane area. On December 5th, we will fly from Brisbane to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. We'll be there for 6 days and fly on to Goroka. Our son, Tom, will be picking us up there.

Since we're getting older, we plan on doing a two year term this time and then evaluate what to do after that. By that time we'll be 67.

We want to thank you for your gift of \$375 sent in October. We really appreciate your part in our ministry. Since we'll be traveling, you probably won't hear from us until after we get set up in PNG.

Thankful for His grace,

Jim & Kathy Tanner

Papua New Guinea

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We really enjoy hearing from you. It sounds like you have your spiritual ears and eyes open and God just keeps allowing you to hear and see His hand at work. We had a missionary speak on Sunday night here and he talked about people in Myanmar (Tibet). They sent all the missionaries out of that country years ago, but this man heard that there were believers there, so he wanted to see how Christians could aid them. They arranged a meeting and he said to his shock there were thousands and thousands of believers there. Some had given themselves to go into China and share the gospel even though they may face death or persecution. God is truly at work.

We went to Jackson, MI yesterday to speak in chapel at the NTM Bible Institute. It went well. We also saw James and Lisa Hatton who were in PNG for years. We have so many fond memories of them. James was diagnosed with bile duct cancer and will be having surgery on the 18<sup>th</sup>. It is very serious and he could die after they remove about 80% of his liver. Could you ask folks at Grace to pray for him. His whole family (5 grown children) are going to be with him a few days before he goes into surgery. His eldest son is in PNG, but will be flying home to be with his dad, as well as the youngest son who is Israel.

Thursday, we take off for IN and MO. Hopefully, it will be our last trip before we depart for Australia on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Glad to hear Cathy perseveres with home schooling. I'm sure it will get easier the longer she does it. Could you ask your aunt Chip if she has any suggestions for a leadership training seminar. Maybe you could give her my email address. Is she a Baptist?

Hope to finish up some chores here around the house today. We wanted to replace some windows, but we're not sure we should invest in that right now.

Our love and greetings to the church. Did you get our thank you letter?

Love,  
Jim & Kathy Tanner  
Papua New Guinea

*Upon this rock I will build My church...*

*With love from Doug & Linda*

To each of you precious Bridge Builders souls, our dear friends, loving family members, and gifted colleagues -- Happy and Wonderful Thanksgiving to you!

**Praise to the Lord. We hope your hearts are full enough to spill all over with utmost Glory to God, ready to celebrate a truly bountiful Thanksgiving. With all the food, fellowship, feasting, fun, but first of all Faith (and Maybe a little Football?)... we invite you to please take a moment reflecting on some Bible passages that blessed me this morning: from Psalm 100:4-5; 105:1-2; and v. 17 of my life verses in Colossians 3:16-17. Baste your Spirits in those Pure Heavenly Juices! Splash around in the Splendour of God's abundant fountain of Truth until you are sopping wet and drenching others with it! We all surely have a huge lot to be grateful for, and in that regard each of you are on our radar screens as well, with massive delight and appreciation unto the Lord for the tremendous part you play in our lives and ministry servanthood to God. Thanks ever so much for your prayer, support, encouragement, words of strengthening, and faithful partnership down through the years. We send to you our most loving greetings and joyful commendations!**

**We have been in the full sprint mode keeping pace. By God's grace we plan to have our ministry update and Christmas letters winging their way to you within the week, so we'll save all those items, and bring you this red hot news flash... that just an hour ago (Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve at noon!) we picked up both sets of music cd's that have now been completed! The labels are dry, and the crystal cases are snapped! Lord willing we jump right in for the counting out, packaging, and posting to get done (our 'Black Friday' here will be sending out, not bringing in! :-)) Let's take a look at them:**

**Christmas CD:**

**"Good Tidings of Great Joy" (Luke 2:10)**

- 1. Joy to the World (2:26)**
- 2. O Come, O Come Emmanuel/Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (4:20)**
- 3. Worship the King (3:18)**
- 4. The Birthday of a King (3:08)**
- 5. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (2:12)**
- 6. Sweet Little Jesus Boy (2:42)**
- 7. Mary, Did You Know? (3:33)**
- 8. Messiah Medley (3:15)**
- 9. Worship the Gift Medley (4:04)**
- 10. Gesu Bambino (4:45)**

11. Come, Thou Long-Expectant Jesus (4:05)
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**Inspirational CD:**

**"To the Praise of His Glory" (Ephesians 1:12)**

1. O Magnify The Lord (2:02)
2. God and God Alone (4:07)
3. God Will Make A Way (3:38)
4. Doxology – Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (4:35)
5. The Mission (5:04)
6. I Can See (5:35)
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9. It May Be Today! (4:11)

These songs have been selected from ones many of you have said that God has used to be a spiritual blessing to you. If you haven't had a chance to let us know you'd like to receive one or both, or a supply of them to share with others as gifts, just reply email or a note to the postal address, and we'll be sure they are sent to you. These are not for sale -- they are for a ministry in music intended to be a help to our North American and worldwide church planting ministry, and a demo door-opener to our further deputation. Pray as we press on full tilt in this work! Please write to:

**237 Tram Road, Columbia SC 29210**

and someone will be there to tend to your requests right away. Your help underwriting related costs to produce, record, make the cds, and post them out will be a great encouragement to us!

Have a terrific Thanksgiving, and begin your Christmas Season with Christ firmly at the center each day. Oh Come, Let us Adore HIM, Christ the Lord!

with such love and joy always,

**Doug & Linda**

*Pastor Doug & Linda Wilson*

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*Upon this rock I will build My church...*  
*With love from Doug & Linda*

**A brief note to each of you precious Bridge Builder friends, with warm Christmas blessings!**

**Below this note is our Annual 2011 Christmas letter, and to those on our support team or postal address list these are being mailed out today! WHEW! It will take a few days to get back on speaking terms with our writing hands! :-)**

**Our passports are currently tied up at the embassy, so please pray that we can get them back without further delays. I am also working on some material to have available as I visit some Bible colleges in the coming few months to promote Biblical church planting here in North America as well as world-wide. Please pray for much fruit as we share the thrill of following God's call to Missions! (we need to all recruit full-time missionaries willing to give their lives to Carry the Light!)**

**Now, RE: our cd's. The response has been thrilling! Thanks so much for those of you who have already received them and sent us such encouraging feedback! And we are excited that many of you are taking advantage of the opportunity to get multiple copies to use for gifts and special witnessing for Christmas.**

**Just to make a SPECIAL OFFER to you about these new musical cd's now available. If you would like to have a favourite song sent you as an email J-PEG file to play as a sample, just reply and we will get it sent right out to you. To get the music file, you really need broadband internet (the files are quite large) ... but there it is, a special free offer to have a song of your choice sent to you on the internet! Select one from the lists below and reply:**

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## 2011 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LETTER

*A Merry, Joy-filled Christmas to you, dear ones,  
with so much love from Doug & Linda!*

*It is breathtaking to ponder and feel the enormous hope and truth of it - what a wonderful season we now have to enjoy together! And how meaningful to celebrate the awesome splendor and rich joy of Christ's glorious Advent. While we see such urgent needy darkness crying out from all nations, yet we have The Glorious, Eternal Light of the World! Christmas allows us to again merrily proclaim His life-changing Gospel to all mankind and also to reflect upon a fantastic year that has been fruitful and incredibly busy for the work of Christ. And we are daily being gladly stretched to serve and minister in thrilling ways past all we could have ever imagined. In England, the QBC fellowship is planting a daughter church in Kingsway, and ahead of budget, also paying support for the new British church planters (from QBC!) as well as their own! And we are extremely excited with important hands-on North American as well as international church planting ministry God has called us to. How very deeply we cherish your support and encouragement through what has been a tremendous year of brilliant answers to prayer, mixed with exceptional opportunities, and high adventure in ministry and personal faith for us both during 2011. When we add up all your prayer, your caring, sacrificial giving, and faithful service for Christ, we rejoice with hearty gratitude at the vital role you have played every day in this faith-guided ministry.*

*We can hardly wait for 2012 to arrive! We are ready to go overseas to train and equip church planters and to meet US missionaries we will work with in Sierra Leone and Costa Rica, with opportunities in India, Nepal, and Myanmar to schedule and develop, while already working with US church planters that have now joined the mission. We already sent curriculum into Africa with a team in October, and the reports have been phenomenal! You should have seen the faces of those who were so hungry to receive God's truth that they may infuse into their churches! We can hardly wait to get out there to all the fields awaiting us! Please do pray for the many realms of special preparations now planned for these coming months ahead, including multi-tasking deputation for needed support, developing programs and curriculum, establishing contacts, and building the network and structure as a framework for the many initiatives to implement this global ministry. Please also pray for us in the normal flow of our work and the many*

*places of preaching, teaching, counseling, and scheduling that goes into our full slate of church ministries. Also, Linda has kept pace courageously while continuing to make progress treating this Lyme disease. Along with all the itinerate schedule in many churches, please pray as well for current Christmas activities we are involved with. It has been so wonderful to see some of you along the way as well!*

*Please pray for this important phase of our deputation now at hand, that God will supply the needed \$1500 of monthly support required to launch full-speed into the work. Please pray that we may not need to linger on support raising for an extended period when there are so many places we need to be, getting the fields ready for harvests. Please send your support to us at GOM, PO Box 2010, Buffalo, NY 14231-2010.*

*Please pray! Pray for souls that need Christ. Pray for health and strength as we serve with an intense schedule. Pray that we might soon have the needed support so we can jump in to fulfill all the plans now being made. We are so very excited and eager for the New Year of opportunities and adventures ahead, and with defining the roles and responsibilities that will set our sights on the next steps ahead. We can hardly wait to share the many lessons God has taught us from planting churches!*

*We send you a huge heart-load of love, with our cherished prayers that you have a joyful and spectacular Christmastime, with an even brighter 2012 for the eternal glory of God!*

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