

December 2009

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with grateful hearts that we thank our Heavenly Father for His wonderful Gift to us of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Some of the names of our Lord Jesus are written around the border of this letter – Immanuel, Prince of Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords, Mighty God... All praise to His Wonderful Name!

It is with appreciation and deep gratitude that we send these Christmas Greetings to you. "[We] thank [our] God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3. We are very thankful for our many friends who have prayed for us and who have shared kind gifts in support of our ministry with New Tribes Mission – reaching tribal people with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. You all have been such a blessing and encouragement to us!

The year of 2009 has been a wonderful year during which countless numbers of tribal people around the world have come to know Jesus as their Savior. They too will be celebrating the birth of Jesus. Tribal people, living in remote areas of countries such as Brazil, Paraguay, Senegal, Mozambique, Thailand, Philippines, and Papua New Guinea, have heard the name of Jesus for the very first time. In many tribes, the Word of God is being translated into their own language.

We are thankful to the Lord for His grace to us during 2009, as we have faced many challenges and changes in the Medical Plan Office. We are thankful that the change-over to Blue Cross and Blue Shield is going well and everything should be finalized and in place by January 1. Thank you for praying for us throughout this past year. The Lord is faithful and worthy of praise.

We are looking forward to our daughter Sarah and her family coming home for Christmas for a week from west Texas. We will get to see our youngest granddaughter, Kennidy, for the first time; she just celebrated her first birthday. Kayla is now seven and is in first grade. At this time, it does not appear that Tim will be coming home for Christmas – his job has been very demanding for him this year and continues to be with a major building project at the church where he works within the Beltway in Virginia. It is always a joy to have Jeffrey and Stefanie with us for Christmas, as well as our son, David, who is still living with us at home. Mom and Dad Hansen are both doing well. Mom is still at the rehab facility, but Dad and she are hoping that they will be at home together within the next few weeks. Thank you for praying for them.

In closing, it is our prayer that you would be encouraged in the Lord and that you will know His grace and strength throughout 2010. Happy New Year!

All because of Jesus,

John & Linda

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