

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas!! When we began this letter, the ground was covered with a blanket of snow. Even though the snow makes the roads more difficult to pass, we were so thankful to see it. Snow was one of the things that we missed when we were in Ghana.



We are so glad to spend the Christmas season here in the U.S. Saturday we celebrated with friends at our church's annual Christmas banquet. It was great to have fun and enjoy a wonderful meal together! Dozens of people put in long hours to organize, decorate, cook and serve. Although finals were approaching many students even sacrificed precious study time. It was beautiful to see the serving hearts of all the volunteers!

Photos of our Christmas Banquet



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Visiting with friends at the banquet



Papua New Guinea

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support and prayers for us. The past two years have been both challenging and rewarding for us as we have tried to be faithful to our Lord and share the Gospel with the lost.

Without your love and support it would have been much more difficult to embark on this journey and to endure. Because of your faithfulness to our Lord's ministry, sixteen souls came to the Lord in Ghana. While this may not seem to be a large number, we know that our Savior rejoices when even one soul becomes "born again." Let us rejoice that our efforts in Ghana have not been in vain.

As you know, we have transferred to Wycliffe Associates (WA) to serve the efforts of Bible translation. We have been asked to serve in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Denese has been asked to serve as Volunteer Coordinator, helping both short and long term volunteers play a meaningful role in PNG. James has been asked to serve as Program Manager, overseeing all WA's projects and personnel in PNG. The Lord willing, we will begin serving in early March.

As we prepare for this mission, we are continuing to ask for support from you our partners. Some of you have already begun to support us through WA and we thank you for your continued support. *If you have not yet begun to partner with us through WA, please prayerfully consider doing so. We are required to raise a monthly support level of at least \$3,600 and cannot begin serving unless we reach that goal. If you can support us financially, please follow the instructions at the bottom of this page*.*

Thank you again for being a part of our ministry. Whether you support us through prayer or finances, you are playing an important role in spreading the Gospel. May God bring a rich harvest through your efforts!

Love in Christ,

James & Denese

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