



Year End Update

Looking To His WORD, Progressing In His WORK

We're excited to share with you this special year end report, available in both print and e-letter. This issue features new articles with highlights of 2011, as well as a glimpse of some of the year's previous highlights.....we hope you enjoying reading of these great things that God is bringing to His work in the Pacific. Also, if you are reading the e-letter version of this year end report, simply click on the month shown underneath the articles that appear below and you will be taken to our website where you can read the full article/photos. Our theme for this report - *looking to His*

word, progressing in His work - is simple but powerful and represents more than just words as we're taking the Gospel further into the remote regions of the Pacific Islands. It has been precisely His Word that's directed our planning, our steps, and our hopes, and without waiver it will be the same in 2012. While Satan has tried to hinder and hurt the work, God has prospered and progressed the work! Our hearts have been comforted, and our faith in Him has increased as we've witnessed the working of good over evil, truth over

error. God in His mercy has also provided a mighty army of faithful Christians with whom we are blessed to work with. They're sending, supporting, and going...and together we're looking to His word, progressing in His work!

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."
JEREMIAH 29:11

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Our 1st worship assembly at Manawai Village, Malaita



Sometimes our plans are not on the same timetable as God's plans. However, in making adjustments, its important that we keep working to spread the Gospel, for truly the Gospel is for all! We are full of joy to have seen the beginning of the church of Christ at Malaita Island in 2011. This is something that we have labored toward for several years and for which we give God all the glory. Many may not realize that long before the first person was baptized at Malaita, there were people from Malaita who were baptized into Christ at Guadalcanal. Festus Anohere was among the first few, with whom I studied with while he worked as a preacher for a large denom. group in the Solomons. More Malaitans obeyed after Festus, and yet we still weren't able to get to this island of 130,000 to preach the Gospel. Finally, our first break came and we traveled to Auki (con't page 4)

HE HAS MADE EVERYTHING APPROPRIATE IN ITS TIME. HE HAS ALSO SET ETERNITY IN THEIR HEART, YET SO THAT MAN WILL NOT FIND OUT THE WORK WHICH GOD HAS DONE FROM THE BEGINNING EVEN TO THE END. Ecclesiastes 3:11

Pacific Broadcast Adds New Station

KGIF 88.1 FM...Keeping God in Families

In 2011, Pacific Broadcast brought to the air two new full power fm stations, each broadcasting the truth of God's Word. The newest station's call sign, **KGIF**, represents "Keeping God In Families". The 24/7 programming focuses on God's plan for every member of the family. Last year the PBN Gaither Mtn. facility began working to archive the special programming content required by KGIF, which reaches two nations. In 2012, members volunteering will work to begin webcasting the stations daily broadcasts.



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What a blessed and productive year 2011 has been for the Lord's work in the Pacific Islands! We've seen growth on every front..... the number of people reached with the Gospel has increased, baptisms & restorations, printed materials distributed, new congregations being planted and established, and furthering the Gospel's reach with radio broadcasts. There's also been an increase in the number of workers joining us to teach/preach on the field. We thank God and glorify Him for this bountiful increase! 2012 is

already off to a great start, and we are looking forward to soon sharing with you some of the plans that God has blessed us to be underway with. Until then, we wish you well and we look forward to hearing from you soon.....

Randy & Sharon



Here's a short summary of some highlights in 2011. To read more, just simply click on an article title....or, go to www.wix.com/thesonlight/updates

New Bible Study Contacts for 2011

JANUARY, 2011

Sharon and I were blessed to start Bible studies this month with a newly married couple, Billy and Wanda Lefao. Billy is a member of the church, and his wife Wanda has started attending services with him. During Sunday morning adult Bible.....

Sound Bible Teaching...& Solid Learning!

FEB, 2011

Many people in the Pacific desire to study God's Word to know and understand the Truth! This is encouraging and very precious. As we teach from village to village, island to island, and nation to nation, it's apparent that people appreciate sound Bible teaching. This is indicated in several ways: first, by

Build The Spiritual House First

MARCH, 2011

There's been a steady increase this month in the number of houses being built here in American Samoa. Most of this new construction can be attributed to the tsunami recovery, which is why the two cement mixers that your donations provided are being used day after day after day! Previous experience helped us to know that making available even just two

Welcoming New Members

APRIL, 2011

What a joy for any family to welcome a new addition to their family. Sharon and I have had the blessing of welcoming 5 wonderful children into our family. It was especially interesting to see how each child would receive and care for each new arrival. This is no different in the body of Christ. Together with members of the church at Christmas Island, we rejoice and welcome this month another new member, Turaang....

Brother Malila had talked with Susuga many times about the Bible, but it was only this month that he agreed to a study. After searching for the Truth for a long time, this precious man has found it and obeyed the Gospel !

Five Begin New Life In Christ

JUNE, 2011

Within 4 hours of landing at Christmas Island, our 1st week Pacific Campaign team began teaching the Word of God. This continued day and night and has already resulted in 5 precious people becoming New Testament Christians, with the prospect of more to follow! Laboring side by side with local Christians every day, our team has rejoiced in the fertile ground on which the seed is being sown. On the first full day that our team....

10 More Baptized Into Christ

JULY, 2011

When our 2nd week team arrived at Christmas Island, they too were well prepared and got right to work! With our 1st week team having labored house to house in the villages, the word had spread that more Bible teachers were coming. Although new studies were also conducted, the 2nd week team was blessed to have been preceded by the efforts of the 1st week campaign team . The 2nd week team was able to quickly....

The Word of the Lord Is Sounding Forth

AUGUST, 2011

In today's world there are many different messages being heard via radio broadcast, but there is none more needed than the **Word of the Lord** that is sounding forth from Pacific Broadcast! Each hour of the day, every day of the week, radio Bible programming is being aired via our 24/7 broadcasts.....

Return To Guadalcanal

Sept, 2011

It's a joy to help others come to know God and His ways for mankind. There is much religious confusion in our world today....people everywhere need the Lord and the surety of His Ways. Heaven is possible for those who will obey God's plan

6 baptized during Solomons trip

October, 2011

Personal Bible studies, tract distribution, training classes, and nightly Bible classes for adults, teens, & children were all part of our mission team's efforts in the Solomon Islands. God gave the increase through 6 more people being added to the church, plus a new congregation planted on Malaita Island, home to....

NEW CONGREGATION AT MANAWAI

Nov., 2011

"...in 2008, a door of opportunity opened up for us to return to Malaita, teaching the Gospel for the first time at Manawai, a large remote village on the northeastern shore of Malaita. The work done during that mission trip would open the door for more studies, plus the opportunity to recently return again in....

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DEC., 2011

Following Up on 22 New Christians: At the very beginning of our work at Tabwakea Village, we worked to assemble and teach those who had obeyed the Gospel over the past year. In the past year, the church has grown by another 22 Christians. 9 of these were teenagers, most of who's parents are not....

News to share... from Sharon



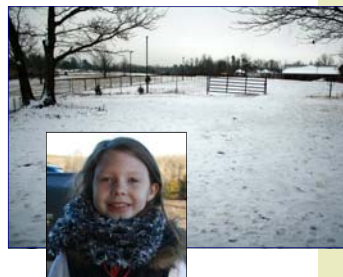
LOOKING TO
HIS WORD,
CONTINUING
FORWARD IN
HIS WORK

Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. Psalm 37:7

Happy New Year! We do hope that everyone has had a very happy holiday season! It has been about 13 years since we have been home in Arkansas with our family for the holidays. It has been 3 years since we have been with Garrett and Aaron for Thanksgiving! They spent their Thanksgiving break this year with friends and family and we are so thankful for all those who made them feel right at home. So...what a special treat for Randy and I to be with all of our children and to also be at my mother's home with my sisters, brother, brother in law and cousins for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Of course we had lots of delicious food and better yet was the time spent together...we talked, laughed and had a wonderful time. While we are very thankful for this time to be in the USA with our families and the church, we do greatly miss our beloved brethren in American Samoa. If we were there during the holidays, we might be found barbecuing our Christmas turkey at the park, playing volleyball, and enjoying the warmth and sunshine of the tropics! However...even though the weather is now very cold here in the USA, certainly the warmth of being with you has made this a very special Holiday season for the English family.



Talofa from Cassie Leilani: Greetings to all my family and friends. Isn't it great to be in God's new year! You will never believe what happened to me ...I woke up a few days ago and *it was snowing!* Now, I am 7 years old and believe me I have never actually seen snow—I must say that it was quite a wonderful surprise. Of course it doesn't snow at home in the islands, nor is it ever cold outside. As Dad has often reminded us here at Gaither Mtn. *"its not this cold in our freezer back home in Samoa"*. Still yet, the snow was beautiful and I could not wait to finish my school work and run outside to play. Mom bundled me up so tight I could hardly move. I was so excited that I actually wanted to run outside in my flip flops and shorts, but I changed my mind just after I stepped outside and felt the freezing cold air. I was mighty glad for all the bundling that mom had done. Noah and I had a really fun snowball fight and we even tried our best to build a snowman, although the snow wouldn't quite pack together. We had so much fun that Mom even got into the snowball fight for a few minutes, and boy did she lose. We then went in and warmed up with a mug of hot chocolate. What a wonderful day that was! **Tofa Soifua, Cassie Leilani**



In this special year-end update, we are focusing on how God has greatly blessed the progress of His Work in the Pacific Islands, through *looking to His Word, continuing in His work*. There is perhaps no greater example of this



than the growth experienced this past year for Pacific Broadcast reaching the lost with the Gospel. God has blessed us to work together with many wonderful Christians in completing several ongoing projects, each of which plays an important part in our overall mission of reaching remote homes with the Gospel. During this time we've had diligent volunteers to come and give of their time to help with this work. Just recently, Norman Holiday (Killen church of Christ) came and spent a few weeks working with Randy. They were able to get much accomplished. Norman came prepared to work, which was evident by the fact that he brought many of his tools they would need for the daily tasks. They would start early and worked until late in the evenings. Buzz Toland and Joe Edwards (Bellefonte church of Christ) also came volunteering their time to help. These faithful Christian laborers, and others too, are working hard to insure the Gospel message goes out to many. They've helped to bring us closer to the completion of Phase 1 of the project, in which we've already reached our goal of regularly delivering Bible content for daily radio broadcast.

As we think of those who faithfully serve the Lord and have helped PBN over the past year to reach remote homes with the Gospel, we certainly are thankful for our co-workers Rocco & Debbie Pierce and their son Robert. The Pierce family made their first visit to PBN's Gaither Mtn. facility just a few weeks ago. Rocco got to see first hand some of the things that Randy had only been able to discuss in the past during planning. Debbie and I got caught up on many things pertaining to the Lord's work in American Samoa. Our sons and Robert had a great time together and enjoyed staying up late each night, taking advantage of every minute spent together. Randy, Rocco, Debbie and I did the same, too! It was a wonderful time of visiting and planning for the Lord's work in the Pacific and preparing for a fantastic 2012!

The Banks family also came to the PBN Gaither Mtn. facility recently. David preaches at the Rena Road church of Christ in Van Buren, AR and has worked with Randy on mission trips to the Pacific Islands. David also regularly records Bible programming for PBN ("*Bible Time*"), which he also did while at the facility. Cassie and Noah enjoyed a great time with the Banks girls, and of course we adults cherished every moment of our visit. We're thankful for the soul winning spirit of the Banks and Pierce families. Whether Christians are laboring to build PBN's Gaither Mtn. project site, or teaching souls face to face in the Pacific Islands, or sending others to build or teach, we're thankful for the growth in 2011 and *looking to His Word, continuing in His work* in 2012!

Establishing, Strengthening, & Growing Indigenous churches

Church of Christ Begins Meeting at Manawai in 2011: (con't from page 1)
 "...where we enrolled local residents of Malaita for Bible course studies. This was followed by conducting more studies with Malaitans who were living on Guadalcanal Island. 5 of these obeyed the Gospel and thus remained with the church that meets in Honiara, Guadalcanal. It was about this time that a civil war erupted between the Malaitans and the people of Guadalcanal. During the time of the civil war we made several attempts to travel to Malaita to teach, but each time our plans were disrupted by things beyond our control. So, we continued with correspondence course studies, plus studies with Malaitans who were living in Guadalcanal. As a result, a few more Malaitans were converted at Guadalcanal. Then in 2008, a door of opportunity opened up for us to return to Malaita, teaching the Gospel for the first time at Manawai, a large remote village on the northeastern shore of Malaita. The work done during that mission trip would open the door for more studies, plus the opportunity to recently return again in Oct 2011. It was during this trip that the first person was baptized at Malaita Island and the first worship assembly for the church of Christ was conducted at Manawai Village. Plans were confirmed for a Malaitan family to move to Manawai in 2011, thus preparing the way for our work of further establishing this growing work and other new congregations in Malaita during 2012".

Growth in the Honiara church of Christ: In 2011 the church at Honiara has experienced excellent growth, both numerically and in its members furthering the Gospel. The congregation has been blessed to have 20 conversions, plus an increase in children's classes and its evangelistic work in the outer islands. The leadership has likewise grown to a point where we elders will be appointed in the very near future. The church of Christ at Honiara has made tremendous progress in 2011, and we look forward to our increased efforts in 2012 in this country as we spread the Gospel.



LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24
THE UNFAILING LOVE OF THE LORD
NEVER ENDS! BY HIS MERCIES WE HAVE
BEEN KEPT FROM COMPLETE
DESTRUCTION. GREAT IS HIS
FAITHFULNESS; HIS MERCIES BEGIN
AFRESH EACH DAY. I SAY TO MYSELF,
"THE LORD IS MY INHERITANCE;
THEREFORE, I WILL HOPE IN HIM!"



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