



Merry Christmas 2013

Dear Friends, thank you for your continued prayers and support for us over this last quarter of the year. As we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ this Christmas it's only natural to reflect on all the blessings we have experienced and all the ministry the Lord has allowed us to participate in over the previous twelve months. I remember starting the year in Indonesia and I will end the year in Indonesia. In between its been well over 100,000 air miles, many pages in the passport, and lots of project work; ensuring that our brothers and sisters in the countries served by FEBC have the necessary facilities and equipment to produce great radio programs that encourage people to know and to grow in their love for Jesus.

Matt and Toni Married

Our son Matthew and his bride Toni tied the knot in a small ceremony this summer. The couple are making their home in Cedar Rapids as Toni continues her schooling at University of Northern Iowa. We were very happy to welcome Toni into our family. The happy couple can be reached at:

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Congratulations to Matt and Toni



Chris's Health Issues

Those of you who are not on our email prayer list may not have heard that Chris was diagnosed with a brain tumor in late October. The tumor is not cancerous, but it is slowly growing and will have to be treated. She had been bothered for several years by what seemed to be recurrent ear infections, hearing loss and a periodic aching in her neck on the right side. A sharp doctor had her take a special hearing test and then an MRI that revealed she had an acoustic neuroma. This is a rare tumor that grows just inside the skull behind the ear.

We asked for prayers for wisdom as we visited our doctor in Denver and learned that either surgery or gamma knife radiation treatment could be used for this type of tumor. We really felt God leading us to look for a doctor and treatment facilities where they were more experienced in treating this rare condition.

In mid-November we took the long drive to Rochester, Minnesota to visit the Mayo Clinic for a second opinion. We had a wonderful experience at Mayo and after discussing treatments with several doctors we decided we would have the gamma knife treatment. The procedure is scheduled for

January 9th at Mayo. This time we will fly in, hoping that the weather will cooperate. After the procedure Chris will have to have follow up MRI's for several years before we will know for sure if the radiation treatment was successful in preventing the tumor from growing. She will also have to have physical therapy to help her address the balance issues that result from both the tumor and from the radiation treatment.

When I heard about Chris's condition, I was leaving a training seminar I had set up in Jakarta to go to meetings in Singapore. I can tell you it was a long flight back home after the meetings as I pondered what to do, what

Guy and Chris - the Last Nice Fall Day



might happen to Chris, even the thought of how to ever live a life without her in it. At the time I hadn't been able to research what it all meant for us so all the possibilities ran around in my mind.

The Lord has used all of the circumstances of this to bless us both and to show his love for us. We have seen this in big things and in small. For example:

- Chris wouldn't have sought help until much more damage had been done except for the pain, but pain isn't normally a symptom of acoustic neuroma
- If Chris had gotten a full time job or found a

part time job after her summer work ended, she would not have gone in to be checked.

- We found that in spite of the rarity of this condition we have two missionary friends that have had the surgery who could help us with our decisions and provide a great comfort to us both through their counsel.
- We wrote a date in our calendar that would allow us to meet friends in Iowa on the way to Mayo but we didn't tell Mayo the date, they had to work Chris into their already busy schedule. They picked the same date we had written down.
- We felt the prayers of our friends and the Lords presence in a huge way during our visit to Mayo. Only those who are truly blessed get to have such quality care.
- We knew we needed to go to Mayo, but we didn't find out until afterwards that they are on our PPO.
- We had friends contribute to cover our out of pocket travel and health expenses and make extra contributions to our support fund.
- Another friend put us up in his guest room near Mayo.
- We had a major commitment to help pay for the out of pocket expense of the treatment which could reach above \$10,000.

We continue to testify to the love and faithfulness of God in every circumstance. We have followed Jesus for almost 15 years as missionaries and we know that he helps those who love him and live according to his purposes. This tumor gives us a whole new set of blessings that we can share as the evidence of Jesus love and care to those who aren't so sure.

Guy's Ministry Update

The quarter has been quite busy in terms of ministry for Guy. He has had several visits to Indonesia and Cambodia to support the projects under way or getting under way in those countries. He will continue his travels in the new year with another trip to Cambodia scheduled in late January. As he looked back over the previous year he has flown over 122,000 miles and visited 30 cities in 8 countries. The travel time adds up to about 40% of the last year. We thank God for answering your prayers for strength and stamina which sustained Guy through that busy schedule.

In Cambodia with Director Sopheary, Mades and the Kids



During the last quarter Guy's emphasis has been to identify and build relationships with contractors. Our field offices and their staff have great ministry contacts but they often don't have contacts that can help with design and construction of new facilities. The relationship building will bear fruit in the next quarter as we begin work on a major project in Cambodia and is already bearing fruit in Indonesia where our new contractor is putting up an antenna and tower to provide better facilities for Heartline Lampung.

Lampung Project Update

The project work we are doing in Lampung is now well under way. The back security wall has been completed and the new tower foundations are nearly complete. The container with the tower shipment arrived in Jakarta port this week so its only a matter of time before we get the container imported and the antenna parts shipped to Lampung for the erection of the tower.

After we get the tower work done another phase of modernization for the Heartline Lampung station will get under way. We are hoping to get a new transmitter and new studio gear along with some building remodeling finished in the coming year.

Cambodia Project Update

There has been good progress and big changes on the project in Cambodia. In the last quarter we pushed forward the architectural design of the building remodeling work. We also had major funding commitments come in that will keep the project moving forward.

Cambodia - Junk TX Needs to Go



In November, before Guy's trip to Cambodia, the transmitter broke down again. The Engineering Support Team had been working for a year to make the old transmitter more reliable, but in the end it isn't working well enough. In response to

the new problems, the FEBC Cambodia management team decided to re-arrange the phases of the project in order to get a new transmitter installed as soon as possible. Guy rewrote the project proposal, plan and budget to reflect these new realities.

During Guy's recent trip to Cambodia he was able to meet with a number of architects, contractors, and electrical works specialists in order to develop a short list of companies who we can have bid on the building renovation project. Guy will return on January 26th for a two week visit to finish the list. With the change in focus to

Nautel TX Class in Jakarta



having the new transmitter installed as the next step, he met several electrical contractors and our Nautel transmitter distributor. Two companies are working on quotes for providing a new electrical service to the transmitter site while Guy is working with the Nautel distributor to develop a quote and a contract for the installation of the new transmitter and some improvements to the transmitter building electrical system.

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Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord** for all the work done in Cambodia and Indonesia over the last few months. May the Lord use the stations powerfully.
- Praise the Lord** for the great medical care Chris has received, for James job at Walmart, and for his passing his classes last semester.
- Pray for Lauren** as she continues with school and work in the new year.
- Pray for James to be good student** as he continues classes at community college
- Pray for successful treatment** for Chris's Acoustic Neuroma on January 9th.
- Pray for God's continued provision** for our finances as we serve Him through FEBC

Listener Response - Mongolia

During Advent, FEBC Mongolia offers a series of programs that dramatize the story of Jesus' birth, with daily broadcasts on multiple FM stations, including secular ones. This year, more than 20 stations will be airing a drama series entitled "Who is Jesus?"

Miss Shinetseteg, a college student writes; "I've been listening to the drama series without interruption. Before, I hadn't been interested in Jesus. Now I see there is hope and faith in His message. I had wanted to know more about Jesus in the past, but had been told that Christianity was a foreign religion and cult. Thus I was skeptical. But now my attitude towards Jesus is different after listening to your programs. I'm pleased!"

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