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This prayer update comes at just the right time to be a Christmas greeting and to bring you our wish that you have a very blessed New Year. Last year was an excellent year for us in ministry. We traveled back and forth between Indonesia and the Philippines with side trips to Singapore, Malaysia and Cambodia. In the process we were able to make improvements at a number of our FEBC facilities. Our work for the Iba Renovation project was completed before we left in the first week of December. Now the time has come for Guy to get fully involved in his new position with the International Office. In the year ahead he hopes to see the

Wests on the Job in Iba, Philippines



IO Engineering Support Team expand its ministry to our FEBC fields.

As a family we are starting the year with some surprise changes in our plans. Just prior to Christmas we returned to the United States. We are going to help our daughter get settled into a new home and a job in Iowa and get our son James up to speed on how to be an American before he graduates from high school. You can read more about

James at the FEBC Indonesia Staff Retreat



the details in the Family section. We are writing this from Denver with snow on the ground. We went from sweating through our different send off parties in Indonesia to icy winds and twelve inches of snow on the ground in only one day. It was a big shock to the system.

At the end of each of our prayer letters we share a true story from one of our listeners who has had a life changing experience with Jesus Christ through FEBC's radio programs. In closing I want to thank all of you on behalf of those listeners for your support in 2011. Because of your prayers and your financial contributions we were able to continue to minister in Asia by building and renovating radio stations that reach tens of millions of potential listeners.

Guy's Ministry Update

Great News! The station we built in Mongolia is really doing a great job of reaching people. Here is a press release we just received; "As the year draws to a close various broadcasting associations in Mongolia combine to honor, in Oscar type style, the work of mass media organizations and present the Crystal Pen awards for 2011. At the ceremony on 24th December WIND FM was presented with the Crystal Pen, an Farewell Meal with Pak. Samuel and Family



award proclaiming it the Best Radio Station of the year. There are a total of 28 radio stations in Ulaanbaatar so this is a high achievement and we are delighted to be honored in this way." You may remember that Guy did the studio equipment design and assisted with the installation work for this station in the capital city of Mongolia. As our ministry partners you can join with the rest of the FEBC family to celebrate this achievement of our brothers and sisters at WIND FM.

The last quarter of the year was very busy. Guy spent two thirds of his time in the Philippines as the project manager for the Iba Renovation Project. He completed his assignment on this major project in early December. Guy also traveled to Singapore

several times for meetings with the International Office staff as well as to our FEBC Station in Sulawesi, Indonesia. Since we have now returned to the US, Guy will be increasing his travel schedule so that he can spend adequate time in Asia. He is pleased that his work in Iba is done and that several of the long running projects in Indonesia are also finished since this will give Guy the time to get organized as team leader of the IO Engineering Support Team. The current travel schedule is to visit Indonesia, Singapore and Thailand in late February and early March. A trip to Mongolia and to visit FEBC Korea in Seoul will follow in mid-April. Although it might seem that working from the US would be a problem, all of the IO engineering staff are in different countries scattered around the world. They all telecommute to get the job done so the only hassle for Guy is that each trip is a couple of days longer in order to hop over the Pacific each way. You can pray for his strength since the long trips can be very physically and emotionally taxing.

Iba Renovation Project

It is a bittersweet time for us with our involvement in the project coming to an end. We have all enjoyed the time we spend at our "beach resort" in Iba, Philippines. We are sad to be moving on

Iba - Space Ready for Transmitters



and we will always remember the great fellowship with our contractors and the station staff as well as the always beautiful and dramatic sunsets of Iba. We are pleased that all of the building work is done and that the local staff will be able to handle the transmitter installation whenever the transmitters are finally released from customs. Join us in praying that the transmitters will be released soon.

Iba Air Conditioning Weather Cover



Furlough Schedule is Jun - Aug

Furlough is coming once again - we will be taking a three month furlough June through August 2012 to say thank-you to our supporters, to meet new supporters and to raise the funds necessary to continue to minister with FEBC. We plan to travel in the Midwest in June and then head down south for July and August. If you would like us to share about the radio ministry with your pastor, small group, Sunday School class, Bible study or church, please let us know. We have packets of materials available to share with your friends and church leaders that detail our testimony and the ministry of FEBC. We look forward to seeing everyone and sharing the joy of missionary service. Blessings!

Family News

In December, we all agreed that it would be best for Lauren to take a break from college. This decision came at the same time as we were deciding to extend our visas in Indonesia. Given Lauren's needs and the cost of the visas, we decided to return to America in December 2011- 6 months ahead our planned furlough in June 2012. The Lord has provided all that we needed during this time of transition. Our visa broker was able to explain our situation and thinks that we will have no trouble renewing our visas when we return to Indonesia. A newlywed couple from our church in Jakarta is happy to be house-sitting our place in Jakarta. We were able to use frequent flier miles at the last minute during Christmas to get amazingly cheap

Aunt Chris at Christmas



tickets home. We were home to celebrate Guy's mother's 80th birthday with lots of family. Faith Bible Church in Cedar Rapids is letting us live in a mission house in Robins, Iowa until May 2012. We will be living close to Matthew and his fiance, Toni, and are looking forward to getting to know Toni better. We are so thankful to be able to land in Iowa for a while to get our

feet under us. James will continue to homeschool but is happy that he will be able to take drivers education and get his drivers license. He graduates in May and is glad to be in America to take a look at his post high school options. He hopes to study computers. So, while we had not planned to come home at this time, God has certainly provided all that we need to continue in ministry and to take care of our family needs.

Our Indonesian "Family" says Good Bye



Prayer Points

- Praise the Lord** for all the work done in Iba. Please pray that the transmitters will be released from customs soon.
- Praise for Lord** for his provisions for Matthew as he returned from Afghanistan
- for Lauren** as she leaves Iowa State and looks for a job

- for wisdom** as we balance ministry and family needs
- for God's continued provision** for our finances
- for stamina** as Guy continues to travel from the US to Asia
- for wisdom** as we make plans for James post secondary education
- for wisdom** as we balance ministry and family needs
- for transportation:** we are in need of two inexpensive cars

Listener Letter From Japan

Greetings! This is my first letter to you. Thank you so much for the Digest CD of your program! I started to enjoy listening to your broadcast again. Please introduce me a church near my apartment. The reason I wanted to seek for God is that our house was washed away by the March, 2011 tsunami, and my family were all split apart living here and there. My father lost his job, has no money to rent a house and he asked me to be his guarantor to borrow money. With my very low salary, I am having difficulty to keep my own life. I recalled about FEBC that I used to listen before, so I came back to you. I have never attended church yet. My factory operates on three shifts and Sunday seldom is off. Would Jesus Christ save even such as me? I will keep listening to your program with great expectation and joy.

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