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December News

Dear Praying Friends,

James tells us "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." With that in mind, thank you for praying. As you know, our school year and outreaches have finished. We had asked you to pray for Arthur and Tim, two boys in our primary youth group. These two boys were gloriously saved one week before the end of youth group. The need for their salvation was heavy on our hearts. Thank you for praying and sharing this burden with us. But, please do not stop praying for them as well as the others that have trusted Christ this year. Most do not seem to understand their need to grow in the Lord.

We praise the Lord that Becca and Clarisse were able to return to the states for two weeks in late November. They were able to attend Becca's brother's wedding and see family that had never met Clarisse. This was a big blessing to us in that a generous donor provided the money needed for the tickets. The time there was encouraging though hard on Dad who was still at home in Australia. Becca and Clarisse enjoyed their time but were ready to return home.

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season. May you enjoy the time with friends and family, but mostly may you rejoice in remembering the reason we have this wonderful time of celebration: Jesus coming as a baby to be our Savior.

We leave you with a quote by Jim Elliot from the book *Through Gates of Splendor*. Jim Elliot gave his life to reach the Auca Indians for Christ. These were his thoughts as he prepared for Christmas: "As we have a high old time this Christmas, may we who know Christ hear the cry of the damned as they hurdle headlong into the Christless night without ever a chance. May we be moved with compassion as our Lord was. May we shed tears of repentance for those we have failed to bring out of darkness. Beyond the smiling scenes of Bethlehem, may we see the crushing agony of Golgotha. May God give us a new vision of his will concerning the lost and our responsibility."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Love,

Kelly, Becca and Clarisse Gilliam