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Missionaries to

## QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA



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## December 2019 News

Dear Friends and Family,

As a university student training for ministry many years ago, I read as an assignment a missionary book entitled *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elisabeth Elliot. The book told of five missionaries who gave their lives trying to reach the Huaorani tribe of eastern Ecuador for Christ. Prior to his death, Nate Saint, one of the missionaries killed by the people they sought to win to Christ, wrote these words during a Christmas celebration. He stated,

"As we have a high old time this Christmas may we who know Christ hear the cry of the damned as they hurtle 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 these we have failed to bring out of darkness. Beyond the smiling scenes of Bethlehem may we see the crushing agony of Golgotha." Yes, we should enjoy Christmas, but as we enjoy the day, let us remember the reason Christ came into the world as recorded in 1 Timothy 1:15 where the Bible states, "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

It's the end of the year. School and youth groups have finished until the end of January. However, there is much to do and much we will ask you to pray with us about:

- \*Please pray for children's Christmas play on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am. This is one of our best attended Sundays of the year with several unsaved people generally in attendance.
- \*Please pray for our first ever carols night on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm.
- \*Please pray for our Christmas Day service at 9am. Christmas and Easter are Sundays that some people will attend church even if they don't plan to attend any others. I've known of people to get saved as a result of a Christmas Day service and go on to be faithful to the Lord.
- \*Please pray for planning of activities and ministries for 2020.
- \*Please pray for Clarisse (Reese) as she begins her senior year in January 2020.
- \*Please pray for a man who has begun to come to church who has many health problems and who comes from a difficult church background.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a very blessed New Year.

With our love and prayers,

Kelly, Becca, Clarisse and Bryce