



**“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved!”**

Jeremiah 8:20

October 2011

Dear Friends,

Greetings this lovely October day!

Although the trees are not changing into beautiful fall colors here in Florida, there is still a “hint of fall” in the cooler early-morning air. We pray that this thank you letter finds you doing well and that you are encouraged in the Lord.

Speaking of “thank you,” we thank you for your recent gift in support of our ministry with New Tribes Mission. Thank you for praying for us as well; we really appreciate your partnership.

We are happy to share with you that we have now completed the 2012 Annual Enrollment notification to members of the NTM Medical Plan and NTM Life Insurance. This has been a rather big project and all of the pieces-of-the-puzzle came together just before the September 30 deadline when this information was sent out to our members.

The verse at the top of this letter is no longer true for many of the Siar people of Papua New Guinea! The Body of Christ welcomed in a number of new believers for the very first time. We have attached the thrilling story of how many of the people of the Siar tribe have become our brothers and sisters in the Lord beginning on September 30. All praise to our Heavenly Father and to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, for His great love and provision!

In closing, we once again thank you for your gifts to us. Thank you for your faithful prayers as well. May the Lord bless and encourage you this very day.

All because of Calvary,

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The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are **NOW** saved!

After years of learning the culture and language of the Siar people of Papua New Guinea and months of teaching through God's Word from Creation to Christ, NTM missionaries taught about Christ's death, burial and resurrection on September 30.

After the lesson was completed, Jon stood up. He has been helping the missionaries to prepare the lessons, so this was his second opportunity to hear what Jesus did for him and his people. Jon was emotional, which was unusual for him – or any Siar, for that matter.



He shared how God's Word in the creation account revealed the true God who is perfect, all-powerful, and the creator of all things. God's Word showed him that no matter what he thought about himself, the truth of the matter was that he was a sinner separated from God and the punishment for his sins was ready for him to bear.

He knew that the death on the cross was meant for him and he deserved it but Christ took his place and suffered his punishment for his sin. He said he firmly believed it, and was confident that God bought him back and that he was now in God's clan forever.

Then Jon challenged his people by saying, "You guys, this is the truth – the only truth. And this is the time for us to decide whether we will believe this or not. ... You all need to decide what you will do with this Gospel; this was for you and you must decide!"

Next Tomulai stood and said he been awake all night after hearing about the suffering that Jesus experienced for him. Then Ogen stood and said simply that the death of Christ was indeed the only way to eternal life.

Two women, Sakman and Redi, sat together saying, "This is it. This is the only truth and only Jesus' work for me is the truth that can save me. We believe this truth and we will never leave it for anything else!"

Tinamidil, a quiet lady, said, "This is the only truth, that is for sure, and I believe it."

Stiven said he believed that Jesus' work was complete and the only way to eternal life.

Now, after years of work to get to this point, the hard work starts, the work that continues to lead toward establishing a mature church among the Siar people.

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