



Oh, praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us; and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord.
--Psalm 117

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; because His mercy endureth forever.
--Psalm 118:1

I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.
--Psalm 116:17

November 2005

Dear Family and Friends,

Thanksgiving—A special time of the year when we focus our hearts and minds on God's wonderful blessing to us, this past year.

Before writing this letter we thumbed through several copies of the *Ideals* magazine, looking for a Thanksgiving poem that we could share with you; something that would adequately express our thankfulness to God for who He is and what He has done. We read poems that expressed thankfulness for family and friends who are dear to us, for our warm and comfortable homes, for God's provision to us of food, clothes, for our daily work, for our health, and for the country in which we enjoy so much liberty and freedom.

Yes, God has truly blessed us all; as individuals, as families, and as a nation. The Bible reminds us in Ephesians 5:20, "*Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" We have much to be thankful for! However, there is a Bible verse that really "hits the mark" in expressing our thankfulness to God, for His greatest provision to us:

"Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."
2 Cor 9:15

Jesus is God's "unspeakable gift" to us. Our reconciliation to God is secured by three divine acts: atonement, justification and regeneration. Atonement is the objective work of Christ; what Jesus did on the Cross for us. Justification is God declaring us "righteous." Regeneration is the "new birth" —our becoming "partakers of the divine nature" (2 Peter 1:4). It is with gratefulness to God that we thank Him for **Jesus**, our wonderful Savior, during this Thanksgiving Season.

Some exciting news! The Gospel is being shared with the Mengen tribal people of Papua New Guinea for the very first time, even as we are writing this letter to you. Please read the enclosed story entitled "*What's In the Pot*" and please pray for the salvation of the Mengen people.

We are truly thankful that we can continue doing missionary work with New Tribes Mission. What a blessing! We are very thankful for those who pray for us and for those who send us gifts of support. You are greatly appreciated and we thank the Lord for you.

Reminder: Our updated website **www.GoYeMcGhee.com**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Thankfully in Christ,

John & Linda (McGhee)

What's In the Pot?

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HOSKINS, Papua New Guinea: The shiny, clean saucepan, with its secret contents, was a curiosity to the Mengens tribe who gathered last week for evangelistic Bible teaching.



Tim Eriean talks with men after Bible teaching.

"What does he have in that pot?" they kept asking.

Missionary Tim E. made a good show of polishing the outside of the pot. He then took off the lid and walked around showing everyone what was inside -- an assortment of rotten, stinky, disgusting things. The various reactions were hilarious as people quickly looked away and made strange faces.

"When I looked at the inside of the pot I just wanted to throw up," Teli said. "The stench was so bad. That is just like our sin. When God looks at our sin, He sees our sin like what's in the pot."

Teli got the point of the illustration. No matter how nice the outside looks, God sees the rotten, disgusting sin within.

Next week, the Mengens will hear how only Christ can take away their sin and make them clean inside. Tim will be giving the final lessons about the death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

But some Mengens are already choosing not to hear that message. They attended the teaching every day for 13 weeks, but pressure by cult members has derailed them. Those who have opposed the teaching have threatened to destroy the meeting house and even do bodily harm to the missionaries.

Pray for the people of Lele village who are being coerced, that their hunger to hear the whole message will overcome their fears, and that they will clearly see that **salvation comes by faith in Christ alone** -- the Savior Jesus Christ that the missionary has been faithfully preaching.

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