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Dear Friends:

Hard to believe another year is coming to an end and as we look back God's fingerprint has been all over lives. He is a faithful God and His grace is just enough for every need. THANK YOU for your friendship and partnership in ministry, and we couldn't have done this apart from you – 28 years at Arizona State University. We are grateful that the Lord has brought the world to our doorstep and what a thrilling journey it has been, serving the international students at ASU.

MINISTRY UPDATES

- **FRIDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY:** The attendance fluctuates but the discussion has been good. There are those who know nothing or very little about the Bible and then there are some who have been Christians for some time. This semester we are doing a chronological study of the Bible, highlighting some of the major events in the Old Testament. Of course dinner is a draw!
- **ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS:** Most students hate the notion of commitment, but I have been able to meet with several students on a weekly basis. Please continue to pray!
- **ACTIVITIES:** We have planned nine activities for this semester – picnics, dinner parties, short trips, etc., and these events have been well attended. These activities provide a chance to meet students and for students to meet other students from their homelands and other parts of the world. The last activity we had was a Thanksgiving dinner hosted by Arizona Community Church of Tempe. Over 150 were in attendance.
- **BAPTISMS:** We had the opportunity to baptize two people in July. Wit is a new believer from Thailand and will be going back at the end of December. Here is Wit's testimony.

“Since I accepted Christ in late 2010, I have experienced peace of mind and joy, which the Lord consistently provides through the Holy Spirit and the Scriptures. Though I battle with sin I am reminded of His faithfulness. What makes me different compared to non-Christians is that, with the power of the Holy Spirit and Jesus as my only Director of life,



"I can overcome guilt from failures. His unconditional love covers me and motivates me to do good for others.

I will be leaving for Thailand two days after Christmas. I ask you to pray that He will provide me with the right time and opportunity to share Christ with my family members, especially my Mom. Also pray for our country which has experienced the worst flooding in 50 years during the last two months."

- **INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH:** This a small mission church near the ASU campus and it is going well. We use a simple worship service as a means of evangelism. For many of the nations represented at ASU, this "house church" model is something they can take back home and duplicate. We meet at 4 p.m. every Sunday and after the service there is plenty of food to nibble on!
- **CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Our annual Christmas dinner will be held at First Baptist Church of Tempe on Saturday the 10th of December. This is an outreach event as we share the true meaning of Christmas and this event is always well attended!

PERSONAL UPDATES

BEN'S HEALTH UPDATE: Many of you know that this June I was admitted to the hospital with a blood clot on my left brain. Two months ago I went back to get a CT scan and my neurosurgeon was surprised to see the clot had totally dissolved. No more medications or doctors' visits! Thank you for all the cards, calls and personal visits.

ANOTHER GRANDCHILD: Our daughter Asha and her husband Earle are expecting a child in June. While we are excited about a new grandchild, Asha has been sick with morning sickness.

Please pray for wisdom, as we will be making plans for the new semester that starts in the middle of January. May you have a blessed Christmas as we celebrate the reason for all that we do as believers.

In His Grace,

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