

Mundhenk's Ministry Messenger

Behold, I send
My Messenger,
And he will
prepare the
way before Me.

Malachi 3:1

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It's hard to separate the man from the money. I try but people still see the Bible school money as mine and vice versa. The problem is that the Bible school owes people for materials and labor so they come and ask us for our supplies. The people need to be paid but it will take about \$1,000 to do so. Could you help remove this burden? Just make a check out to "Pioneers" and send it with a note saying it's for the Ok Ao Bible School.

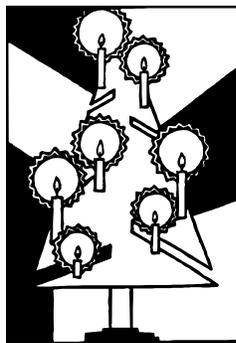
Trapped in Trappings?

If I were to say the words gifts, lights, turkey, and football, would there be any doubt that I'm talking about Christmas? Growing up, our house was full of decorations. And, a turkey dinner was topped off with the Dallas Cowboys! But here in PNG it's a bit different. It's 90° and our trimmings are rather meager. And, dinner consists of two chickens the size of pigeons. I miss the trappings and festivities surrounding Christmas.

But to the people here there are also things to

associate with the season: large gatherings of people, several pigs roasting in banana leaves with sago, music, long services and, of course, the heat!

Each culture has its trappings but if you look you can see the theme in both: the birth of Christ. The trick, I think, is not so much to remember Christ in spite of the trappings, but through them. Will you purpose with me to enjoy the trimmings we have (from either culture) and to let each one remind me of the gift God gave us?



False Start

Like a runner lurching forward before the gun sounds, we tried to start Bible school before it was time. God had not prepared the students and we hadn't worked to find them. That's changed. The first half of this month will find me out visiting villages and meeting with prospective students. So far I know of 13 and

there may be others.

The trouble is that we really only have room for twelve. So pray. First, that God would choose the ones He wants to come and then that He would compel them to show up! Second, pray that God will bring in the money to pay off the Bible school debt so we can build another small dorm.

Prayer Briefs:

What Fun!

Ahhh! The sun, the beach, the water and the stores. Praise God for the great vacation we had, we needed it! We now feel refreshed and ready for another year of work.

Home Schooling

We've started school again and Alicia will soon be moving up from pre-school to kindergarten. Pray that Daniel, Stefanie and Alicia would learn well and that Michelle will be able to manage a more challenging schedule.

May each gift we give or receive this season be a reminder to us of the exceedingly great gift that Christ is to us from the Father.

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