

**Missionaries  
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## *Merry Christmas!*

I love this time of year—the carols, the decorations, shopping, parties, goodies, and all the things that go with Christmas. Some people are trying to “make Christmas for everyone” by saying “Happy Holidays” or in other ways avoiding saying the word Christmas, as though it is some magical thing that will contaminate them with Jesus! Well, I am staging my own personal battle against those who would take Christ out of Christmas. No matter how I am greeted, I respond with “Merry Christmas.” Nine times out of ten the people’s eyes light up, they get a big smile, and they either respond with “Merry Christmas” or they say “Thank you!”. Don’t let anyone tell you that there is nothing you can do, we can always love, and that, says the Word of God, will cover a MULTITUDE of sins. It sure did for me, and it will do no less for others.

We have already gotten our Christmas present—a place to live! We signed the lease for a house December 2, and moved in over the next few days. The dogs are back with us, and acting like they never left home, we are sleeping in our own bed again and are all very happy. Now that we have delivery on our refrigerator, we will be eating at home again instead of going out or dining in the dining hall all the time! We are so grateful to God for this place. It is large, nice fenced yard, five minutes from the office, and we have a fireplace, a 2-car garage, and a trampoline! We have the largest master bedroom we have ever had, and are having fun decorating it with a sitting area for quiet times. We have a guest room that is already for a date in January and one in February.

We have been so blessed, and will be sending out pictures as we get things settled in the house. We will be here for at least a year, then can start looking to buy again, and our job history should make the loan companies happy.

We mentioned the delivery of our refrigerator—that was a Christmas present of its own. Members of our Sunday School class bought us a brand new one.

There are so many exciting things we are learning and doing here. Josi has been working on the planning of the ground breaking and then the dedication of the new PBT building this coming year. She is also being prepared to begin a lot of travelling this next year. She may start teaching at some of the training sessions, and doing dessert nights out of town and out of state! She designed the PBT Christmas Catalogue for 2008, and is starting on the 2009 one. She is keeping amazingly busy and loving every minute of it!

Richard has settled into his new role as the primary user support guy at the office. He is responsible for the care and feeding of all the PCs in the office. He is also taking on many of the tasks that are involved in the purchase of computers and software for PBT, as well as some photography work.

As the year ends, Pioneer Bible Translators is putting the final touches on some long-term projects:

- The final drafts of the Old Testament have been printed for a tribe in West Africa. Their Bible is now complete! Josi is designing the new pouch/bag for them to be carried in.
- The field office in Papua New Guinea has finished its building expansion. They are now working to furnish it and staff it.
- The purchase of land in Dallas for PBT’s new offices was successfully concluded. Groundbreaking plans for the Spring are coming together. Over thirty-five people are working in office space designed for fifteen. We hope to be in the new building by the end of 2009.

Our Christmas tree from the front walk.



Our first "guests" are the Mobilization Department meeting in our dining room.



We got snow on our van!

*Merry Christmas  
and may our Lord bless you greatly in  
2009!  
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## Prayer Concerns

- We are part of an international team that reaches the Bible-less peoples of the world. Our work requires resources we need the financial partnership of generous churches and individuals to provide those resources.
- Physical health while we seek the proper health insurance.
- Wisdom and discernment as we make travel plans for the next year.