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**December 2008
Merry Christmas**

Merry Christmas one and all! Christmas in America is a very celebrated holiday – time with family, presents, and lots of decorations. Christians celebrate the real reason for the season – our Savior, Jesus the Christ - leaving heaven, coming to earth, dying for our sins and bringing salvation to all who would believe! What a privilege it is to bring this gospel to the world by radio to millions who do not yet know our precious Savior. Our broadcasts draw responses from listeners searching for wisdom, experiencing love, and finding saving faith!

From Russia: “I’m not a Christian yet, but I listen to your programs because my soul needs them. Recently I began to read my Bible. Even though I don’t understand many things in the Bible, I will continue to read it and listen to your broadcasts. Please pray that God will help me understand His Word.”

From North Sulawesi, Indonesia: “I am proud in receiving a wind-up radio and Bible. I am so impressed with your attention and care ness, especially to our God Jesus Christ. I thank Lord and you, both who are so real in love. Although I faces difficulties but your programs touch me it seems offer me the joy from heaven. I am blessed by the truth of God's words from every program that I listen.

My family member and I are very happy; we strengthen and love each other.”

From Russia: “I began listening to FEBC three years ago. Before, I never thought about God. You opened up an entirely new world for me. I began thinking about God, then started praying. You inspired me to seek God’s will for my life, to get to know Him. Today, I am a member of a great church. Thank you for your ministry. I am a child of God because of FEBC.”

Let’s celebrate together as we share the Christ of Christmas 356 days a year, 562 hours a day in 150 languages. Until All Hear!

Are We There Yet?

Thank you so much for joining us on our missionary journey - and to answer a common question, no, we are not there yet but are getting closer every day. When will we move to Indonesia? When our visa is approved. There is no fixed schedule for visa

[Guy and YASKI Director Dr. Samuel Tirtamihardja](#)

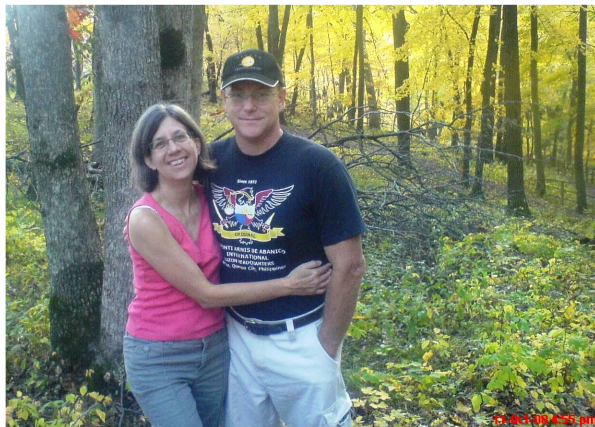


approval and to be honest, the government is not required to say yes. We started our visa application last June and are encouraged that just last week, the government requested additional information for our application. We continue to trust in God's perfect timing for our relocation to Asia, walking by faith, not by sight.

We still need to raise additonal support. If you feel led to help out, giving details are on Page 4.

Our furlough ended in May and Guy has assumed his new assignment as Technical Services Director of FEBC USA. It has been a busy six months for Guy with projects in Mongolia, Los Angeles, the Philippines and Indonesia, a trip to London to meet fellow workers at FEBA-UK, our sister organization, and a side trip to Amsterdam where he attended a major broadcast trade show. Guy calculated that he has traveled around 50,000 miles and spent 127 days away from home on ministry. This amount of travel has been a big change for us, and with big changes come lots of adjustments.

Guy and Chris Enjoying the Fall Colors



Guy's Ministry Update

As Technical Services Director for FEBC USA, Guy's job involves helping to support projects that FEBC USA is funding around the world. He does engineering, planning, research, and sometimes even gets to use the tools himself. The major projects currently in process are the continued work with FEBC Mongolia, the studio renovation at FEBC USA's La Mirada production center and FEBC Indonesia's ongoing expansion of their ministry.

FEBC Mongolia Work Continues

Guy returned to Mongolia in July for another two weeks of work at the new WIND FM building. His goal was to finish bringing the new On-Air studio and two production

studios into operation. This is his second trip to Mongolia this year. A lot was accomplished in the new WIND FM studio over a short time. Guy, working with local staff and International Office engineer, David Bayliss, was able to bring two production studios on line - PTL! Additionally, they were able to finish most of the preparations in the new WIND broadcast studio. David stayed on after Guy left and worked with local staff to continue the last of the preparations before broadcast operations were moved.

Since this is a big project as well as a field of considerable importance to FEBC USA, Guy will probably make another visit later on after the first of the new year. Perhaps he will get to see the -40F temperatures which the Mongolian winter is famous for as he works on installing new equipment at the WIND FM transmitter site.

Guy Does Some Actual Work in Mongolia



FEBC USA Studio Renovation

The project to renovate FEBC USA's main studio complex in Los Angeles has been pushing forward. Guy has averaged one trip to LA each month as he works through design and engineering issues for the five studio spaces. Guy will be in LA for two weeks in December to begin installing studio equipment in the first two studio spaces

More pictures of the work in Mongolia are posted at: www.guysprojects.com/Install_fest00804.html.

under revovation. Our friend and coworker Chris Slabaugh, project manager for the effort, has been working steadily to get the construction work completed. With new carpet and paint, repairs to the sound proof doors as well as work on the air conditioning and electric systems, Chris has really been busy getting ready for the installation of the electronics. Everything seems to be a go for the push to finish the renovations. After the studios are complete, FEBC Chinese ministries will relocate from Chino to La Mirada, bringing all the FEBC USA family under one roof.

Karawaci AM Station

FEBC Indonesia, known as YAKSI, has been approached with several radio ministry opportunities to expand broadcasts but there was no air time left on the flagship Heartline FM station at Karawaci. In order to be able to add programs to the schedule YAKSI plans to add a new AM station to their ministry. The initial installation of equipment allowed the YASKI engineering staff to test the station. There were some issues with stations coverage as well as some tuning issues with the transmitter and antenna. Guy worked with YASKI's chief engineer Habil to verify the tuning and operation of the new AM station. They also spent an entire day driving around Jakarta performing signal strength tests and monitoring the audio quality of test broadcasts from the transmitter on the car radio. Guy will be following up with recommendations on how to improve the station's coverage.

Indonesia Trip Report

Thank you for praying for our trip to Asia - we were able to accomplish a lot. With Grandma in charge of James, Guy and I were both able to travel. In Manila, we spent time with Lauren and went to parent-teacher conferences. We packed, sold, or threw away

the household items that weren't eaten by termites. Our week in Jakarta was wonderful - the staff was so gracious to help us in all of our needs. We found a small townhome that should fit our family of 3 well. It is fairly inexpensive and very conveniently located near work and school in Karawaci, a suburb of metro Jakarta. We were able to see the cost of living and price appliances and furniture - it looks like we

Chris looks over the ethnic clothing exhibit



will need to raise about \$10,000 to complete our move and set up house. Chris visited the hospital and school as well as seeing some of the city. There will be challenges in the areas of school and health care for Jamie. Some of his medicine is not locally available. There is no missionary school located in Jakarta, the school we are looking at is a Christian National Plus School with an IB program. The school is wonderful, but will cost more than Faith because it is not staffed by missionaries. Join us in praying for a discount or scholarship for James as well as for his acceptance as a student for the next school year. While Karawaci seemed very affluent, we saw plenty of opportunities to minister to rich and poor alike. It was very exciting to to meet so many wonderful folks, to hear their testimonies, and to see God at work in Indonesia.

Family News

We are proud to announce that Matthew graduated from Army Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on November 14. We were not able to attend the graduation ceremonies but family and friends were able to attend in our place. After graduation, Matthew transferred to Fort Gordon in Augusta, Georgia to attend Army electronics school. He is enjoying serving in the army and his schooling. We are very happy that he

Matt heading off to Basic Training



has access to a phone now and also that he will have leave at Christmas time so that he can be with us.

Lauren is really enjoying life in the dorm at Faith Academy. She loves living with girls for a change and going to sporting events at the school. It was so much fun to be with Lauren and meet her dorm parents - we miss her, but know that she is where God wants her to be. She is applying to several colleges and wants to major in International Relations/History. Next year will be very challenging for her as she adjusts to college and living in America again.

James has been healthy and pretty happy, but he misses his brother and sister. He is still

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Lauren and James - on the way to the airport



involved in Boy Scouts, Karate and music - both choir and band this year. He was able to march out with the marching band at a football game and play the national anthem. He is looking forward to concert band because he gets to wear a tux. James is 5' 8" and still growing. We won't know if he will need surgery for his scoliosis until his full growth is reached but we are thankful for his back brace to support his back during this time of rapid growth and for his doctors who monitor his growth. James has his drivers permit and looks forward to getting some practice driving in.

Prayer Points

- for **Matthew** as he is strong in his army schooling.
- for **Lauren** as she spends Christmas in the Philippines apart from us
- for **Guy and Chris** as they continue to spend a lot of time apart
- for **James** schooling and medical needs in Indonesia
- for **wisdom and patience** as we wait for God to open a door for us in Indonesia
- for **wisdom for Guy** as he supervises many diverse projects

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