



## Bible Faith Outreach

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## In Touch

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Dear Partners,

“Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow!” Another year has ended with His Love and Sustaining Grace.

We had a fruitful year with God’s Providences in every situation, physically, spiritually and mentally, however, we didn’t escape the challenges!

## A Time of Celebration



Above: BFO children receive presents on Christmas Day. Thank you to all who generously donated gifts for the children.

BFO Children have expectations like any other children. Christmas at BFO is special because celebrating Christmas is new to the children.

We try to keep things simple by presenting the message of Hope in Jesus alone! The Christmas message is very touching to them. Because of their challenging day-to-day living conditions they are looking forward to a time of hope in their lives.

## Introducing BFO Board Members

BFO has been blessed with an abundantly talented, generous and conscientious board. All board members serve on a voluntary basis, in addition to their full-time employment outside of BFO.



**Rosa Kepo**, the BFO President works with Mission Aviation Fellowship and husband **Jiwa Kepo**, BFO Vice President is self-employed. Both are from the highlands of PNG.

**Rita Leahy** is of Papua New Guinean and American heritage. Rita is an Administration officer with Oilmin. Rita is the BFO secretary.



**Leanne Calder**, from Australia, is the Manager of Banz Coffee in Mt Hagen, PNG. Leanne lived in PNG as a child in the late 1970s, and has since returned.

**Geoff Boer**, Finance Manager for BFO, is from Australia. Geoff is also the Finance Manager for Mission Aviation Fellowship in PNG.



**Bob Hargreaves**, from England, has lived in PNG for over forty years beginning in 1964. Bob works with coffee.



Above: BFO Board member Geoff Boer with the children and BFO Helpers surrounded by the *Thanksgiving Offering* of garden produce from the church.

The BFO helpers are deserted wives and widow: Serah, Diane and Eli.



Above: Aunt Rosa and the BFO Boys Choir presenting two items at Kelina church.

## Christmas

### A Very Special And Challenging Time

For the first time, BFO children and staff were invited out for a mission trip. It was for a special *Thanksgiving Service* held in a small Nazarene church in a bush village, called Klika, some 20 kilometres out of Mt. Hagen, in the Wurup-Kaip area.

BFO Board Member Geoff Boer gave us a courtesy ride in one of Mission Aviation Fellowship's 15 seater buses to Klika village. During the service the BFO Boys Choir blessed the church with two special items! We in turn received from the church garden produce, from sweet potatoes to all varieties of vegetables. A bucket of water containing ten fish was presented as well. This illustrated fruitfulness in our ministry in reaching out to the unfortunate and unprivileged. Later we were given refreshments, which were delicious and fresh water fetched in bamboo. I recalled memories of my childhood days in my family's grass hut and jungle life with missionaries, the Sode family.

MAF's Flight Instructor Rick Velvin preached a wonderful Christmas message, regarding Jesus' Birth and His Kingdom! We had an amazing and unforgettable time with the congregation of the humble village church.

*"...but those who hope in the LORD shall renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint."*

*Isaiah 40:31*

### Praise God with us...

- We now have a board for BFO.
- The children are realizing their need of Salvation in Jesus Christ.
- The community is uniting in learning about a new life style of cleanliness and respect.
- During Christmas blankets were provided for ten children who sleep in the BFO garage.

### Please pray for...

- Children to be kept safe and strong in their faith as they continue to live in settlements.
- Funds to purchase a property for BFO to ensure the children's safety with proper housing.
- Children's school fees for 2011.
- Aunt Rosa, family and BFO staff, that God will give strength and good health to fulfill the goals for BFO for His purpose.
- Volunteers to assist the little kindergarten aged children.
- Clothes and shoes.

### In Closing

From the depths of our hearts, we want to say a big **THANK YOU** to each individual, family and church for your support in prayer and giving. Thank you for your donations, initial fund raising, words of encouragement, making contacts on behalf of BFO and those who came in person to the BFO centre, giving your time and energy to help the children.

The Word of God says, "Whatever you do for the poor, needy and unfortunate, is being blessed by God".

We wish you all a prosperous, Happy New Year of our LORD!

*Aunt Rosa & Uncle Jiwa*