

# Merry Christmas

December 2018

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

## Onja's Baptism

As some of you might remember from my last letter, Onja (pronounced oon-za) was saved by reading the Chick tract, "This was Your Life." God gave me the privilege, Sunday, November 25, 2018, of baptizing this young man. Please pray for his continued spiritual growth as he begins his new life in Christ! Some of you might be asking yourself, "Do tracts really work? Do people really read them?" May I answer you with an emphatic "YES!" People do read tracts and people DO still get saved by reading them! Let me encourage you, my dear Christian friends, to get involved in passing out tracts; **they may be the only preacher some will ever hear!**

## Training our preachers

God has allowed me the great privilege of continuing to train and work with our men who have willingly given themselves to preach God's Word. I will be helping them with furthering their sermon preparation and delivery. Some of these men help with Sunday School classes and head up different ministries in the church. They want to better improve their ability to teach and preach God's Word! Please pray for them and please pray for me as I direct them and help to sharpen the gift and desire that God has given them.

## Discipleship Classes

We have begun a new discipleship class supervised by fellow BIMM Missionary Dan Brown. The students are paired with teachers and meet every Sunday afternoon, when they go over the lessons, and the teachers can answer any questions the students may have. Currently, my wife, Darlene, is discipling with a lady, Malala (pronounced Ma-la-la). She has a clear testimony of salvation, but she, like so many other new Christians in the world, needs to be discipled and clearly taught what the Bible says a new Christian should do. As a result of this new class, we have already seen a new student, Aina, come to realize that she was not truly saved, and her teacher, Madame Falà, was able to lead her to Jesus Christ!

We have two prayer requests. First, please pray for our church people as many of them are facing spiritual battles for choosing to be faithful to Christ! Second, please pray for the political situation here, as we have just finished presidential elections, and we are not sure which direction the country is heading - either peace or unrest.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of you who were able to send us special Christmas gifts in our support; we know that not every church can do this, but we are most appreciative for what we do receive! May all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

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