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# LCBM News

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## My Gift

They brought their gifts, those sages from afar,  
Of frankincense, and myrrh, and purest gold,  
To grace the King whose birth, so long foretold,  
Was heralded at last by yonder star.

She brought her perfume, liquid nard so rare  
In alabaster cruse: the house was filled  
With fragrance, as with lavish love she spilled  
Her sweet oblation on His temples fair.

They brought their off'ring: thorns to wreathe His brow,  
Nails for His hands and feet, a spear to pierce  
His heart with sorrow torn, as loud and fierce  
They raised their cry, "This man we disavow."

They bring their tribute in the courts above,  
Ascribing to the Lamb who once was slain  
Salvation, honor, laud and vast domain,  
Wide as the reaches of His boundless love.

I bring my gift today: a heart subdued  
By love divine; a life laid at His feet  
In consecration joyous and complete;  
A soul redeemed by blood, by grace renewed.

—J. C. Macaulay



# A LETTER FROM NEW GUINEA

Ray Nicholson, a graduate of 1952, returned to New Guinea in May with his wife and family to begin his second term as Associate Director of the New Guinea Branch of Summer Institute of Linguistics. We received the following letter from these Wycliffe Bible Translators recently.

DEAR FRIENDS:

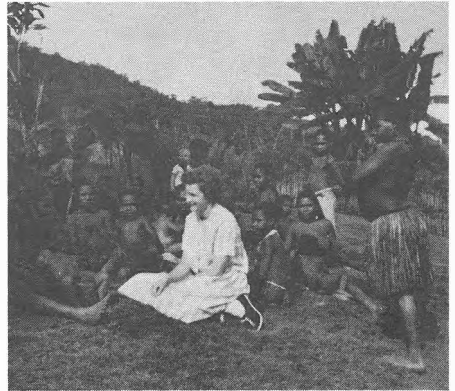
A week after we arrived in New Guinea, we drove out to our old allocation among the Fore people. Here our two translators are busy with the people, preparing for literacy and translation work. It was a real thrill to meet the people again, and talk to them.

"Agoanosay" is what they kept saying about Dale, who was born out with these people three years ago. It means, "He has really grown."

We do not live in a village anymore, but in a regular little town, made up of all our own translators and base workers. Here Ray is busy in the office, when he is not traveling to some of the allocations, to Port Moresby, or another of the coastal cities; and here Ruth is the Linguistic Committee Secretary, busy keeping files and papers in order.

Just a mile away from our base, Larry, Lauren and Donnie go to school at the government school, and Dale spends his mornings in nursery school.

Many of you have been praying about a new house for us. It is now being built. The roof and walls are on now, and just the inside work is left to do. It is L-shaped, and we think it is lovely.



Ruth Nicholson talks with a group of Fore people.

A part of the Director's job here in New Guinea, which is Ray's job right now, is that of allocating new teams of translators in a new language group. The John Muranes have recently settled in the Daga tribe. The Patrol Officer, a government-appointed man in the area, has been very helpful in aiding our translators to settle with the native people.

Pray for Ray in his many varied duties; and pray too, for the native people: the Fore, Managalasi, and Daga who are now on the way to having God's Word in their own language. This is our goal, and it is thrilling to see it being reached, with fifty-two tribes now having language work done in them.

Rejoicing in the Lord Jesus,  
Ray, Ruth, Larry, Lauren,  
Donnie and Dale Nicholson.

## Rev. A. P. Lee Ministers At Spiritual Life Conference



Mr. Lee greets students as they leave the Chapel following the morning session.

"The Christian ought not to live in a cloistered atmosphere with no idea of what goes on around him," said the Rev. Arthur P. Lee, of Calvary Church, Toronto. He said that, to the Apostle Paul, after the miracle of his conversion came immediately the sense of mission.

Mr. Lee, speaking on the theme, "The Living Christ in the Modern World", challenged students to be a spiritually sensitive people; sensitive to the Lord, sensitive to other members of the body of Christ, and sensitive to those outside the church.

## LCBM CHORALE PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Again this year the LCBM Chorale under the direction of Mr. Warren Adams will present a concert of sacred Christmas music on December 15, at 2:45 p.m. in the H. B. Beal Secondary School Auditorium. Joining with the chorale will be the Salvation Army Band under the direction of Mr. Gordon Chapman, Mrs. Marion Crowley Newby, contralto, Gordon Hamilton, baritone, and others of the faculty and student body.

### ALUMNI EXECUTIVE

President—Ronald Mills '57  
Vice-President—Bill Adkins '62  
Treasurer—Shirley Funnell '60  
Secretary—Marjorie Schindel '60



Maureen and Bill Wills '60 chat with Dr. Bedford during homecoming weekend.

## ALUMNI HOMECOMING

"He Must Increase" was the theme for the annual Alumni Homecoming which took place on November 8 and 9. Dr. James N. Bedford, former president of the college, spoke on this theme on Saturday morning and again at the Homecoming banquet on Saturday night. One hundred and twenty-five graduates were present including some from Nigeria, Tanganyika, Puerto Rico, and Ecuador.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for continued financial support that our daily needs may be met.
- Pray for the students as they write Christmas exams December 16-20.
- Pray for the chorale as it presents a sacred Christmas concert on December 15.

## PRAISE THEMES

- For the blessing received by the Alumni through the ministry of Dr. Bedford at Homecoming.
- For the spiritual ministry of Rev. Arthur P. Lee at the Spiritual Life Conference in November.
- For a spirit of interest and co-operation evidenced at a businessmen's luncheon held in London on November 22 at which the expansion program was presented.

Greetings  
from our President

Dr. J. C. Macauley



It is quite likely that the Lord Jesus Christ was not born on December 25. But the fact is He was born, and it is the event we celebrate, not the date. For myself, I shall be glad to celebrate this unique birth any day of the year, and I trust that we Christians will do honour to our Lord by really recalling the incarnation on the day that so great a portion of the Christian world has agreed on.

I said, "this unique birth," and so it is. The birth of Jesus Christ is unique in its circumstances. God ordered the affairs of the great Roman empire to assure that His Son should be born in the place aforesaid declared (Micah 5:2; Matt. 2:1-6). On the other side of the ledger, this Prince of the house of David was born in a stable, and given a manger for a bed.

The birth of Jesus Christ is unique in its announcement. Mary and Joseph did not send out pretty little cards announcing the birth of Jesus, but an angel from heaven announced it to a group of shepherds, with a whole company of angels to celebrate with the first Christmas carol. Not satisfied with that, God hurled a star within the ken of men to advise the oriental sages of the great event. It was a notable event in the eyes of heaven.

The birth of Jesus Christ is unique in its means. We are not here considering the coming into being of a

new personality. Here One who is "from of old, from everlasting" is entering our human race. The means chosen of God was what we term the Virgin Birth. Whatever recognition science may give to parthenogenesis as a natural phenomenon, the birth of Christ is still miracle, attributed by Gabriel, and also by the angel sent to assure Joseph, that it was a work of the Holy Spirit. So Jesus is truly man, being born of a woman, yet even in His humanity He is the Son of God.

The birth of Jesus Christ is unique in its purpose. Others have been born under the predestination of God to be prophets, kings, teachers and the like. Only one was born to be the Saviour, the Mediator, the Redeemer. "Thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He came "to give His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28), "to seek and to save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10), "to be a propitiation through faith in His blood" (Rom. 3:25). This saving mission is the unique prerogative of Christ. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). The birth of this Man is worth celebrating, but we must do this in the light of Good Friday and Easter.