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"...That All...The Earth May Know"

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Dear Friends,

A phrase that describes our year of 2023 comes from Lamentations 3:23, **"...great is thy faithfulness."** Hudson Taylor, the humble servant of God to China, demonstrated extraordinary trust in God's faithfulness. He wrote in his journal: "Our heavenly Father is a very experienced One. He knows very well that His children wake up with a good appetite every morning...He sustained 3 million Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years. We do not expect He will send 3 million missionaries to China; but if He did, He would have ample means to sustain them all...Depend on it, God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply." We say "Amen" to that last statement.

We saw God's faithfulness in the Papua New Guinea Bible Project. God's work there has certainly been a tribute to His faithfulness and unfailing ability to supply all that was needed to deliver Bibles to schools both in city areas and remote villages. To date over one million Bibles have been distributed. We praise the Lord for His goodness in all that has been accomplished in and through this Bible distribution.

We saw God's faithfulness in continuing to bring new missionaries to BIMi. In June of this year, God brought eager missionaries who will, Lord willing, serve in the countries of Japan, Ivory Coast, Bolivia, Brazil, Liberia, Honduras, Peru, the Amazon Basin, Germany, Guyana, Belarus, and Uganda. A few weeks ago, the first week of December, we hosted a wonderful group of new missionaries who, Lord willing, will serve in the countries of Slovenia, Mexico, Columbia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, New Zealand, and church planting in Alaska. A photo of the new missionaries is to the right – the bottom photo. Please do pray for these new missionaries as the Lord brings them to mind. Pray that as they prepare for their specific God-called mission fields that the process will be done in God's way and will go according to His plan and timing. We, like, Hudson Taylor, know that they can depend on God to sustain and provide for them if they do His work in His way.

We saw God's faithfulness as we traveled to mission conferences, Bibles colleges, Christian schools, and youth camps this past year. Many miles were covered—so very thankful for safety and health. We were even more thankful and blessed to have witnessed God touch hearts in the areas of service and missions.

What joy to serve an all-powerful, faithful, unchanging God. Even creation itself is a record of His steadfastness. The words of the great hymn written by Thomas Chisholm read: "Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love." What an encouragement to live for Him! Our strength for the present and hope for the future are not based on the stability of our own perseverance but on the fidelity of God. We are blessed to know that we can depend on our Father's faithfulness.

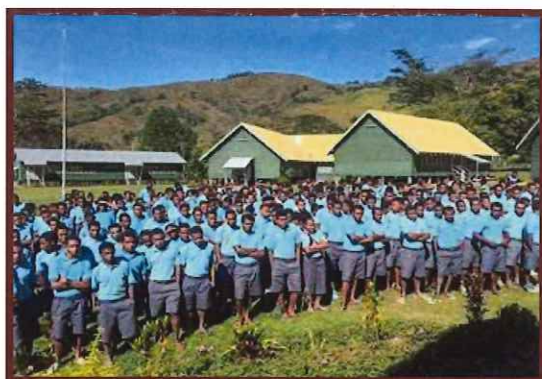
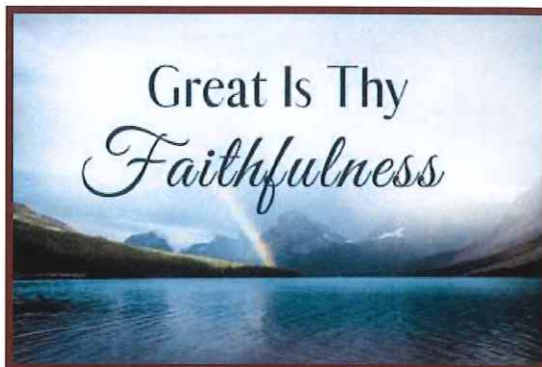
Thank you for the blessing of serving alongside your ministry. Your partnership in prayer, support, and encouragement is greatly appreciated, and we are thankful. As we enter the new year of 2024, may we always be mindful of how great God's faithfulness is to us. May we do God's work in God's way. In so doing, we'll not lack God's supply.

Sincerely,

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