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Miller News

*"Knowing God and Making Him Known...
in the South Pacific"*



Dear brethren

Well as we enter the beginning of this new year, I'm always thankful that he has blessed me with another year. But as I get older, I somehow know I have been here before. It's easy to make that new year resolution only to find yourself like the hamster in the cage running again on the same wheel. I can often identify with the hamster. There's always something you want to grow in, improve or change. Perhaps it's to improve your diet, or break a bad habit, or work on your marriage, loose some weight or save some money. Yet the year moves on and you are like the hamster still in the same place or in the same position. Why? Because you cannot change yourself. The only way for a hamster to find freedom and help is if the owner reaches into that cage and lift that hamster out. We all need

something that is bigger than ourselves.



It was David who said in **Ps 40:1-40** **"I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, and hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They put their trust in the Lord. Oh, the joys of those who trust the Lord. It is a wonderful reminder**

that the way to get off our treadmills in 2026 is to cry out to God and he will set us free.



It was wonderful seeing Brian baptized into Christ this last month. Brian has been visiting us the last few months with his mother. Brian came to the point that he knew he needed the Lord and wanted to put Christ on in baptism. One of the elders David Steele studied with him. Praise God we have another one snatched out of the gates of hell.



This last month we had the joy of Grant and Venessa Morgan from Oklahoma City come to visit. They are involved with the North



MacArthur Church which is our overseeing church. It was lovely being able to share some time with them in our part of the world. They were here for the South Pacific Bible College graduation which was special. Grant also took a few rides with me on the

bikes which was fun showing him around. It was a blessing having them here.



It is always thrilling to see the graduates coming through their studies. It's also exciting seeing them go to their different destinations around the world to serve the Lord. But its always sad too as you build relationships with

them and then see them go. This last year I mentored several of them including Messi, James, Samuel and Raymond. It was wonderful being able to share ministry experiences with them and taking them through the word whenever we would meet. I presently get with Messi from Thailand,

while he is away in a different location.



It's always enjoyable having the AIM girls over for a Bible study, as they help support me as I lead Jay who

recently got baptized. They have come from the Sunset Church of Christ in Lubbock. They are here for 18 months working with us.



We had the joy of having our grandson stay with us in late September. Ethan is a great young man who has a love for the Lord. On

Wednesday night he led the Bible study from Acts 20 and did a great job.



On Wednesday nights we have Whanau (family) night, we meet at 6 and eat together and then have a lesson from our young men on the book of Acts as we work our way through it. It's been a good place to help train and equip young men and this night Messi shared with us.

The last 5 years we have had Olivia Nelson lead the children's ministry and help get teachers etc. Jana Conaway is now head of the children's ministry and Olivia was



honored for her years of service in this area. Melinda along with 2 others

were also recognized for their years of service in children's ministry in past years.

Recently our eldest son and his wife Angelique were invited to stay in some friend's house in Kingscliff, New South Wales, Australia. They asked Melinda and I to join them for a week and Nathan our youngest son who lives in California joined us too. It was lovely catching up and having Christmas together. We did miss Abby and her family being with us though.



I will be resuming my studies and mentoring leaders next week and it always thrills my soul to be able to spend time online and in the Word with these different brothers. Please keep praying for us to have opportunities to share our faith and help others growing into a Christ like image.

Again, we want to express our thanks for your prayers and support this coming year and send our blessings to you for 2026. May it be a year that we cry out to God for his help and grow with the new challenges before each of us with his help.

In His service,

Chris and Melinda Miller

