

# THE KNICKERBOCKERS

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Thanksgiving -The Birth of Christ ! "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you". The world says Merry Xmas, like most things they have taken Christ out of his birthday. Many things could be said here about the way we have taken God out of our world but what a joy it is for us to proclaim the Creator who came to bring real Thankfulness. For an early thanksgiving, we invited another missionary family to share a meal with us. What a joy it was to sit around a table and share the blessings of God in our lives.

### Early Discipleship

Last letter you remember the story of T who confessed Christ while running in the park on Sunday morning, we continue to run on Sundays and he comes to church as he is able. Our conversations are always around the Word of God as we try to show him the difference between Buddhist spirituality and Biblical spirituality. Yesterday morning I shared with him his need to be grounded in some Biblical principles. So from now on instead of running at 7:30 Sunday morning we will be teaching one on one some foundational principles of the Word of God. You might say how weird a discipleship program Sunday morning at 7:30. That is what we call meeting peoples needs when we can. T is very busy and works long hours and far away. Pray for him to get a job closer to home and for his unsaved family.

### Blessed Fellowship!

What a joy it was to hear the victories of the people with whom we labor. One couple who are among the most recent baptized are being persecuted at work. The wife Pakita, like Daniel of old has found favor with the director who told her, "You have some very unkind co-workers and one is just plain

mean". John-Michel continues to give his tithe and this week-end was sharing with me the blessings of obeying God's Word.

### A Deceased mother

One of the single moms lost her mother to cancer last week. The funeral was this morning and it was a joy to see the comfort that the Lord has given her and the testimony before her family. I was able to go to her dying mother's bedside 5 times in the last months, to read scripture sing and pray. It appeared to me that she died in Jesus. At the funeral Isabelle and I were reminded of the great privilege we have to know the God of the Bible. Continue to pray for M. and her children.

### Building !

The building plans have been drawn up and the permit has been submitted to the city. Pray for the reception of the permit in time to get the majority of the work done this summer.

### A couple united !

During the recent wedding we were able to present the gospel again to many friends of the family. It was a joy to see the church family come together in helping with the preparations.

### Family

Well in two days I will celebrate my 41 birthday, so Isabelle has promised to take me out to eat, she knows I like that. Thanks to those who have already sent a card. We are just thrilled with the way our boys respond to spiritual things and desire to serve the Lord. Marc has shown a heart for others as he reminds me of the birthdays of the church folks. There is absolutely no greater joy that to hear that your children are walking in the truth. Finally Stephen decided to sign up for Basketball, so when I went to pay the dues, the president of the Club said this one is free. What? I said. He said, "Outside the fact that they can play good ball, they are irreproachable". Praise the Lord, all those spankings paid off! No, seriously, it is all GRACE! God is soooo Good! I am humbled by His Goodness. Thank you so much for the prayers and cards that you send our way and for the support without the which we could not fulfill God's calling on our lives.

In His care,

*Pete and Isabelle Knickerbocker and young men*

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