

LIFE IN CHRIST IS THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTMAS

It is Christmas time, and so much is happening as people get so busy in many different activities for different reasons. To business houses it is to make a hefty profit, families organise family reunions and to some it is a well-earned holiday from a hectic year. While others take advantage of the holidays, but make a mockery of its essential meaning in favour of their wanton selfish life styles. We could be so self-focused, and be caught up with the hype of Christmas shopping, celebrations, spiritual programs and activities, yet miss the main reason why we celebrate Christmas. Which is the "Miracle of Babe Jesus is the Essence of Grace and Peace for Human life."

To Ebenezer Scrooge, whom Charles Dickens mentions in his novel, *A Christmas Carol* published on December 19, 1843, Christmas was a foolish thing people paid so much attention to. He was a wealthy, bitter, and ungenerous man who said, "Every idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas,' on his lips, should be boiled with his own pudding!" To this man Christmas was a waste of time. Yet one Christmas Eve, Scrooge was completely changed into a happy and a generous man through the grace and peace of God he experienced (Daily Bread 19th Dec.2014).

Similarly a young religious fanatic in his youthful religious zeal fervently opposed the gospel of Lord Jesus Christ. Saul, mercilessly brought destruction to the church, entered every Christian home dragging of believers, killing and putting them into prison (Acts.8:3). However, during one of those vengeful trips he met the risen Lord Jesus that radically changed him into an unwavering messenger of the gospel of grace and peace he once opposed (Acts.9:1-16).

In his new identity and calling Apostle Paul captures the essence of Jesus' divinity by underscoring the truths that make Christmas truly meaningful and wonderful to those who believe. He says to the church that was riddled with false teachings that Christ is the essence of life: "He is the image of the invisible God, first born of all creation. For . . . all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together... For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross." (Col.1:15-20).

Jesus Christ was born into our world, only to give up his life so that, we too can experience God's mercy and grace through forgiveness and continue to be transformed by faith in Him. This is the heart and the essence of our Christmas celebrations. Anything other than honouring Christ during Christmas is blasphemous against God's gift of His precious Son.

Have a blessed and a merry Christmas.

Duli Asi Vice Principal Administration & a/Principal



SUNDAY SERVICE - Sunday, 18th December 2016 TIME: 9:30am

Speaking: Lionel Tom **Worship Leader:** Paully Job

Music Team: Youths, Staff & Students on Campus

Flowers: Guest House

WELCOME

FAREWELL

TOKSAVE

1. HOLIDAY NOTICE

All the children remain in your homes and not aimlessly wandering around the college campus. Parents please assign home duties to your children to keep them busy instead.

Kindergarten and Station Elementary School is out of bound area. "Keep Children out of this area".

Thank you, Management

2. COLLEGE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

We appreciate Staff and Students remaining to fully participation in the College spiritual activities during this holiday period. Your availability and cooperation is very much needed.

3. KEEP CLTC CLEAN

Appeal to the College Community to keep the Campus clean at all time. We have a big campus property so we need to maintain cleanliness. So, keep up the good work in your own homes and around the College property.

BUSINESS TRADING HOURS 7:30AM – 5:00PM MONDAY – FRIDAY

Finance Support & Services Division

Morning: 9:30 - 10:30 am Afternoon: 2:30 - 03:30 pm

General Office

8:30 - 12:00 Noon1:30 - 4:00 pm

College Store - Daily Except Sundays

10:00am - 1:00 pm4:00pm - 5:00pm

Wednesday's 10:00 -1.00 pm 3:30-5.30pm Saturdays 8:00 am - 11:00 am only

Sales Store - Monday to Friday

9 30am – 11 30 am 2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

CLINIC OFFICAL HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00am – 12:00Noon 1:30 - 4:00pm Saturdays – 8:00 - 9:00am Sundays 12:00noon – 1:00pm

Special Clinic Hours

- Tuesdays Healthy Baby Clinic (Immunization)
- Wednesdays Family Planning
- Thursdays Antenatal Clinic (Skelim Bel Mama)

After Hours & Emergency calls only: Tracey Hitu is On Call Duty this weekend and through to Thursday, 22nd December.

PRAYER & PRAISE

- 1. It was planned to have a quick-build of a new house for Masters students in late November. Visa processing was delayed & flights could not be purchased. Then Rosalie, the wife of past staff member & experienced builder, Ron Finger, was hospitalised. The work party has been delayed until possibly mid/late Jan. PRAY for Ron, for Rosalie, who is very ill, & for their family at this difficult time. Pray too for wisdom re the timing of the work party, consisting of Garth Morgan (NZ), & Ron & Noel Flavel from Tamworth in NSW.
- 2. Brian Kemben has been appointed General Manager of the Services & Support Division, & Nou Korema is now the Finance Manager (Brian's previous role). PRAY for the supervisors, staff & workers in the S & S Division as they respond to new leadership. GIVE THANKS that Kay Middleton is available once again for intensive English classes for new students. PRAY for the students taking these classes & settling in to College life.

- 3. Continue to PRAY for the right people to fill these staff positions Registrar, Technical Services Manager, Guest House Manageress, Vice Principal Administration, Women's Program Coordinator, HR Officer and lecturers.
- 4. PRAY for God's blessing on the graduation service & celebration at the POM campus today. Pray that graduates will be able to use their training in God's service. PRAY for God's guidance for the POM program in the year ahead.
- 5. PRAY for new and continuing students as they raise their school fee money for 2017. Pray for good support from their families & churches, & for God's provision.
- 6. GIVE THANKS for the resources that have been entrusted to the CLTC Banz Agricultural programs. PRAY for Elizah as he heads the agricultural team & endeavours to maximize the earning capacity as well as the potential to meet the needs of PNG Highland communities through CLTC's cattle, piggery, rice & gardens (onions) programs.
- 7. GIVE THANKS that Dan & Janet Anderson are available for 3 terms in 2017. PRAY for them as they return to the College & for Dan in his teaching role & Janet as she helps out in various ways.
- 8. Continue to PRAY for the ongoing business relationship between Mainland Holdings Ltd & CLTC, guided by the Poultry Management Contract signed in Pray for Brian Kemben in his new role as General Manager as he oversees the supply by CLTC of the required services to MHL, to maximize the poultry production, which brings benefit to the College. PRAY that the MHL employees will adhere to College policies.

REMINDERS

Community Dawn Prayer Times

Where: Auditorium Every Saturday

Time: 4:00am – 6:00am **SRC Leaders** leading

LIBRARY NOTICES 2016

Bethany Dawn Prayer

Time: 5am to 6am Prayer Chapel Every Saturdays

Leaders for this weekend: Banana Grove