

Darland's Digest

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS PAST



CHRISTMAS PRESENT



NOT TO US, LORD, NOT TO US BUT TO *your name be the glory.*
BECAUSE OF YOUR *love and faithfulness.* PSALM 115:1

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

1. We celebrated our 25th year of marriage.
2. We also celebrated 25th year of ministry at Ethnos360 Bible Institute. What a blessing to serve here.
3. We've seen the Word of God and the Spirit of God change not only our own life this past year but the lives of countless students here at EBI.
4. Nathaniel graduated in June! We traveled to MI to host a grad party for him there & were able to connect with many special MI friends.
5. Chris and I were able to visit Timothy in Alaska in July. We road tripped down the Kenai peninsula, soaking in amazing scenery and making awesome memories with him.
6. Chris continued to plug away at his master's and is almost done...one more semester. *Hurray!*
7. Chris also continued in his roles as teacher and Academic Dean, and I (Denise) have heard so many students and staff express how much they appreciate him!
8. I (still Denise, lol) have continued on as the Admissions Assistant and have added an extra leadership role as well. I have also loved connecting one-on-one with student gals.
9. We've been able to use our home to host many students for dinners, bonfires, dorm events, etc.
10. We've been able to enjoy great times with the kids over the year.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!



ALASKA



HUMPBACK WHALES

BUBBLE FEEDING

Much love to all our Sanson family!!



Fellowship with Milan & Liesbeth (a Belgian student couple) and our dorm kids! What a blessing!



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Looking up, looking in, looking out: the next 25

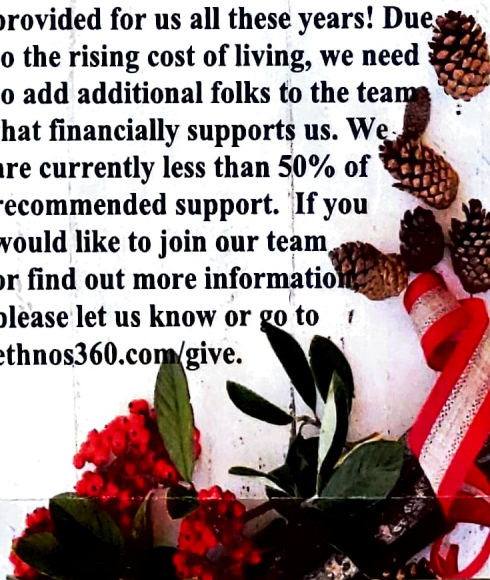
Above is a tiny snippet of the incredible students we get to walk alongside here at Ethnos360 Bible Institute. As we look ahead to the next 25 years, we plan to continue ministering here, allowing God to use us as He sees fit for as long as He sees fit. "For this purpose I also labor, striving according to HIS POWER, which works in us mightily." Colossians 1:29. We trust God to continue his refining work in our own lives so that His life can be seen in us. I am challenged by Paul's words in Acts 10:24. May God give us the grace to say, as Paul does, "I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me- the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

This fall, former EBI students who have been living in the Maliyali tribe of Papua New Guinea were able to teach through the Bible in the heart language of the people. Beginning in Genesis, they chronicled the grand story of redemption found throughout the pages of scripture. After months, they culminated teaching with the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. Many Maliyali people put their trust in Christ for salvation. Here's Timoti's testimony:

"Everyone here is so concerned with getting more pigs and more money...I'm thinking—why do I need more pigs? Why do I need more money? The two biggest things I already have! The first thing is, the payment for my sin—Jesus already took it! So I don't have to pay for my sin. My sin debt is gone. That is the first big thing that I have. The second thing that I have is Jesus' righteousness! God looks at me and I am His friend. I will be forever with Him! So why do things of this ground matter? It's nothing! I already have what I need."

WANT TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

We thank God for how He has provided for us all these years! Due to the rising cost of living, we need to add additional folks to the team that financially supports us. We are currently less than 50% of recommended support. If you would like to join our team or find out more information, please let us know or go to ethnos360.com/give.



Keeping Current With The Kids

Timothy spent most of the year working long hours for the city of Fairbanks, AK as a 911 dispatcher. In Sept. he quit his job and moved back down to MI. He is living with his good friends Steven and Sophie Riker and has started a woodworking business. He recently got a dog named Snap! We love having him closer.

Karis has kept busy this year! She works full time at First Student bus company, worked part time at Old World Wisconsin (reenacting), took an internship with a Christian theater group, and still finds time to see us! In August she moved into an apartment downtown with her friend Emily.

Nathaniel had an epic year! He tried out for the school play in January and got the lead role in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. He made good friends at the Christian School but was glad to graduate in June! He is currently taking college classes online, some classes in person, and working part-time at the local coffee shop.