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A personal reflection by Kelsey about her time at HFA.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

From our family to yours we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas!



Timothy & Kelsey with their son, Judah

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I joined the HFA team when it was in its infancy, in March 2014. I still remember my interview and first few meetings with Hans, when he started to share the vision of using aviation and technology to get the gospel to isolated places. I have to admit, I had no clue about Aviation or Technology (I still have a very limited understanding!), but I definitely got excited about the idea of finding ways to bring the gospel to unreached people groups!

The vision was (and is) big. One of my first projects was to assist putting it into words for our website. It wasn't easy to write, because we still didn't really know what it would actually look like; how we would actually be doing it? At the time I figured it would be at least 5 years before we would start seeing glimpses of this concept taking shape. I had no idea then that less than 3 years later I could say I have:

- been involved in seeing thousands of bibles delivered into a closed nation,
- received reports from our staff working in the Himalayas who are working on opportunities to get bibles to hard to reach places,
- been a part of work happening in

our offices on projects that could be launched as early as next year.

God is so good!!

In my time at HFA I have been reminded regularly of the transformational power of the Gospel and God's saving grace. My eyes have also been opened to the isolation of many unreached people groups. These two truths have given me a deeper understanding of the Apostle Paul's sense of urgency when he talks about sharing the Gospel. For example, his words in Romans 1:16 (NIV); "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" and in 1 Cor 9:16; "...I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!".

As a family we are moving interstate early next year, which means my time as staff member of HFA has come to a close. However, there are two things that don't change. 1. My prayers will continue for the work of HFA, and for the unreached and isolated people groups. I have seen God answer many prayers in the last few years at HFA, and have been encouraged to see the community of people investing into HFA through prayer. 2. I will not stop making every effort to share the gospel with those around me. I'm not always

bold and confident, but I do have a deep conviction that Jesus is the only way to life.

With Christmas around the corner, Christians around the world gather to remember the birth of our Saviour. I thank God for sending His only Son. I can't imagine life without Christ! My prayer is that many more people will learn about their Saviour, and find true freedom in His grace! Will you join me?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Blessings, Kelsey

WE ARE MOVING!

HFA is going through an exciting time of expansion! We have now found a suitable factory to rent and will soon be moving in to bigger facilities!



To set up the factory for our needs we have use for a lathe, milling machine, drill press, welder, benches, hydraulic press, vice and anything useful for metal working. We also have use for some wood working tools, mainly to build shipping crates and for building maintenance. Office desks and chairs would be helpful as well.

If you would like to loan or even donate your second hand machinery/ equipment to us, that would be greatly appreciated. We can pick up from Melbourne and surrounding suburbs. If you have anything for us, please send an email to Tim: tim@hfa.org.au.

Tim would love to hear from you and we appreciate your generosity.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas fast approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your kind help, making it another incredible year for us! Most of all, we want to thank our awesome God who continues to provide for us and who allows us to participate in the great commission.

Bringing the Gospel to hard to reach places is so rewarding and doing it through the use of technology adds to the fun! However let us pause in the busyness of this festive season and take a moment to reflect. How would this Christmas be for us if we had only just heard of Jesus for the first time?

Entire village communities now meet to discuss what could be an appropriate celebration for a Birthday of someone so life-changing as Jesus. They have never done it before! It's a first!

Just like me, you are probably also flicking through the many gift catalogues this Christmas season, wondering what gift would make a lasting impact, be affordable and really improve conditions in a community. However it seems that over the years I have never seen greater transformational impact then when previously unreached and isolated people groups entangled in spirit cults and gruesome rituals, broke free from bondage through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel actually is the greatest holistic community development I have ever seen!

Thank you for your kindness to us this year! As a result many people now have access to read for the first time this year the wonderful story of Bethlehem!

On behalf of the HFA Team we wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Hans

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