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Dreaming of a White Christmas

It's Christmas time again. As I sat huddled around a fire singing Christmas songs with friends, I thought seriously, maybe for the first time, about the lyrics to some of my favorites. I feel as though I now truly understand, "I'll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams," or "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas, just like the ones I used to know." I can't tell you how many times I have heard those songs, but this may be the first time I've understood what they meant.

Christmas in Papua New Guinea looks different than in the USA. Instead of getting colder, it gets hotter and more humid. There is no snow. Everyone on the mission center is separated from family. It could very easily be a depressing time of year, and yet it's not.

Though Christmas looks and feels different here, we are celebrating the same extraordinary event. We are still celebrating the beginning of Jesus' life on Earth. We are still celebrating Jesus' incredible courage and humility to become human. We are still celebrating the beginning of Jesus' sacrifice for us. We are still celebrating the beginning of the Good News all of us together are working so desperately to share in Papua New Guinea.

It would be a lie to say that I don't get homesick around the holidays, but celebrating the miracle of Christmas and Jesus' life, death, and resurrection puts it all into perspective. No matter what your Christmas may bring, please remember the reason we are celebrating. It (*and He*) makes all the difference. Have a merry Christmas!

Upcoming Furlough

I will be returning to the United States for a short furlough in less than 6 months. With all the planning that is involved, this is really a short amount of time. Please pray that all will be planned in time. And please remember, if you would like me to talk with you, your church, Bible study, or even school class about Papua New Guinea or Wycliffe, email me at abby_armstrong@wycliffe.org as soon as possible.

Prayer Requests

Thank you for all of your prayers for more teachers. We now have another teacher at the primary campus! So next semester we will be able to split our combined class. I will be teaching grade 4 next term. Please be in prayer for this transition for the kids and for me.

New Class

