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Dear Friends,

Anticipation involves looking forward to a future event with differing emotions; with expectation, pleasure, excitement, anxiety, or hope. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight" are poetic lyrics from the Christmas carol "O Little Town of Bethlehem" written by Phillip Brooks while in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve 1865. The song alludes to how the long-foretold Messiah was greatly anticipated under the



uncomfortable Roman rule two thousand years ago. Even though Jesus Christ's first coming was not recognized by the Jewish religious authorities, God used their opposition to reveal to mankind truth, mercy and grace.

PIM schools have their graduations the last week of November or the first week of December. However, keeping those young minds focused until the end of the school year and upcoming Christmas holiday challenges any teacher. Very similar with parents once all the schools close for a two-month vacation, most want to be free from their work for rest of the year. The major priority and strong desire for them is returning to the home village for reunion with relatives and friends. This anticipation by children and adults comes by no decree from a government.

After completing the school year all PIM teachers came to Ambunti to bring their reports and participate in planning for the coming year. Showing up has some additional motivation, most of the teachers had 10 weeks of pay packets plus their annual leave pay awaiting them. For the PIM staff in the admin and education departments at Ambunti these are some of the most hectic days. But thankfully everyone received their envelopes and there was enough

fuel for the homeward transportation.

Our closeup gathering with teachers and other employees had a number of speeches expressing thanks to God and His providence during the year. There was a theme expressed that we all who are a part of PIM are united in preparing God's people for eternity. Anton our longtime workshop mechanic had his wife and also a son pass in the last four months, our missionary Friedemann Urschitz also went on to glory earlier this year.

How are we living in anticipation of eternity or for that matter the second coming? Yes, our lives are swiftly passing but only that which is done for Christ will last.

Thank you so much for your support of the ministry of PIM this year. May God richly bless you and your family,  
Douglas Heidema

