



# FIRST CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

*WELCOME to First Christian Assembly, an independent church whose mission is articulated by Jesus in Mark 16:15 when he said "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature". Following this great commission, First Christian Assembly preaches and teaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing, we trust that God, working through His Holy Spirit will draw souls to salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## End Times

The Bible prophesizes of many events that will occur in the end times. [Luke 21:11](#) lists some of the natural signs that will occur before Jesus' Second Coming: "There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. All of these events seem to be a warm up to what is coming next—"birth pangs," as Jesus called them ([Matthew 24:8](#)).

The Bible lists both positive and negative spiritual signs. In [2 Timothy 4:3-4](#) we discover that many people will follow false teachers. We see now an increase in cultic groups, heresy, deception and occultism, with many choosing to follow new age or pagan religions. On the positive side, [Joel 2:28-29](#) prophesizes that there will be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Joel's prophecy was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost ([Acts 2:16](#)), and we are still seeing the effects of that outpouring in revivals and Spirit-led Christian movements, worldwide preaching of the gospel message, and the emergence of Messianic Judaism.

Along with the signs in the natural and spiritual realms, there are signs in society. The immorality rampant in society today is a symptom of mankind's rebellion against God ([2 Timothy 3:13](#)). We are now living in a hedonistic and materialistic society. People are lovers of themselves – "looking out for number one" – and doing what is right in their own eyes. All these things, and many more, can be seen around us every day (see [2 Timothy 3:1-4](#)).

Possibly, the single most impressive fulfilled prophecy proving that we live in the end times is the restoration of Israel to her land in 1948. These are just a few of the signs that we are living in the end of the age. There are many more. God gave us these prophecies because He does not want anyone to perish, and He always gives ample warning before pouring out His wrath ([2 Peter 3:9](#)).

Are we living in the end times? Are you ready for the Lord's return? God will deal with sin either by grace or by wrath. The good news is that it's not too late to choose eternal life. All that is required is acceptance, by faith, of God's free gift of grace. There is nothing you can do to earn grace; Jesus has paid the price for you ([Romans 3:24](#)).

As the Bible states; "...behold, now [is] the accepted time; behold, now [is] the day of salvation." ([2 Co 6:2b KJV](#)).

## Ministry Highlights

### Missionaries in Indonesia

#### John & Joy Cutts

*Continued from last week...*

Our food situation was getting more critical as our group of 10 ate through our supplies without being able to replenish in villages as we would normally do, because they were abandoned. Such delicacies as frogs they would find in pools of water in dead trees or large rhinoceros beetles snatched from their nests in the bamboo did not begin to replace the thousands of calories being burned each day. Sleeping under a large tarp in the jungle when we didn't get to a village assured us of some sleepless nights, as people talked around the fire and threw wood on to keep everybody warm in the mountain temperatures.

As we broke camp the last day, one of our strongest porters, Timotius, was sick and would have to recover in the next village we came to. We also were pretty much out of food for the day with hours of rugged trekking ahead. Around noon we sat in the clearing of a small village where some had run away upon seeing such strange looking people. We gave the last remaining packages of ramen noodles, one to each person and then broke our power bars in half and divided them up. It was not enough to keep us all going till late afternoon, but that was all we had. Suddenly, a guy by the name of Justinus appeared and he offered to run to his garden and get some sugar cane. . . .ten times better than any power drink. He came back with a pile of this very valuable super cane and two huge sweet potatoes and our team instantly came to life as the juice began to give them a power surge. I tried to pay Justinus but he said that he would just wait for God to repay him, as his gardens belonged to God and this was his tithe. What a miracle to have just what we needed delivered right on time, allowing us to continue our journey through the last few villages.

There was no more beautiful sight than to see the big village of Pagamba finally come into view late in the day. I am holding a sheet of paper the pastor handed me with the names of 25 people who have died in the last few months. Our journey started with stories of death and it was now ending with more stories of death. What could we possibly do to get to the bottom of this horrific challenge? *(to be continued)*

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### **WEEKLY SERVICES /MEETINGS**

	<b>FCA</b>	<b>PAC</b>
Sunday	9:45 AM <i>Bible Study</i> 11:00 AM <i>Worship Service &amp; Children's Sunday School</i>	
Monday		7:00 PM <i>Stepping Stones</i>
Tuesday	6:30 PM <i>Prayer (Sanctuary)</i> 7:00 PM <i>Worship (Sanctuary)</i>	
Wednesday	6:30 PM <i>Men's Fraternity (on a hiatus)</i>	1:00 PM <i>Women at the Well</i> 1:00 PM <i>Coram Deo</i>
Thursday		6:00 PM <i>Prayer Service</i> 7:00 PM <i>Bible Study</i>
Friday		7:00 PM <i>Right Path</i>

- *Coram Deo*: A men's Bible study and Christian fellowship.
- *Right Path*: A Christ centered support and recovery group for people whose lives have been affected by drug and alcohol addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support and fellowship; in genuine confidential sharing, coupled with a Biblical twelve step model of recovery.
- *Stepping Stones*: A Christ centered support group for men and women impacted by a loved one's addiction. In a warm and friendly atmosphere, we provide loving support, fellowship, confidential sharing, and intercessory prayer.
- *Women at the Well*: This group is Biblically based and promotes hope, healing, and fellowship for women impacted and struggling with brokenness.



#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Ministries (present and future) at First Christian Assembly and the Philadelphia Access Center
- Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith.
- Our supported missionaries
- For our Pastor and his family.

#### ***Special Message from John Cutts:***

...as crazy as this might sound...have you ever thought you would like to come over to Papua and see firsthand what God is up to? We hope in 2016 we will be able to start a ministry we will call TRANSFORMATIONAL TREKKING. So many who have visited have said. . . it changed my life. What they didn't know is that it also changes the lives of our Papuan people too...a serious WIN-WIN kind of deal. This will not be on a scale like what you have just read about [on the reverse page] but will be 5 days to go into 5 different villages and really get to know and understand these incredibly special people and to get a feel for their lives, culture, challenges, spiritual compass, survival skills, and so much more. Think and pray about this, both men and women, and then let us know if you might be one of the first to take the plunge. It will be a life changer...we promise!!!