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Dear Dr. Ryrie:

My wife brought your aerogram home from the post office, late Saturday afternoon. We opened it up, and the farther we read, the more we chuckled! I don't know when I've enjoyed reading a letter more! It was an encouragement to us. And then to find out that you have sent out a dozen Bibles as well as a dozen copies of Balancing the Christian Life, was a totally unexpected, but very much appreciated blessing!! Thank you so much for your kindness to us! I guess because the action was so totally unexpected, it seemed extra special! I'm glad too, that you enjoyed the picture.

Yesterday at Church, I told one of the men in the photo(John Kumbia) about your letter, and passed your greetings on to him. I will be performing the wedding ceremony of one of the others(Jonah), two days from now, on New Years Day.

My only problem now, is determining how to distribute the Bibles! (It's a nice problem to have!). We won't charge money for them ofcourse, but if I just announce their availability I'd get stampeded to death. We'd probably hit the front page of the newspaper too. I can see it now, "Christians beat each other up over Bibles"-ha! I've thought about having them earn them via memorization of a certain number of scripture verses(say, 50 or so), but we are thinking that maybe we will just give them to of our sharpest believers, both in our church (Grace some Baptist), and in our campus ministry at the University of Papua New Guinea, who are really in need of a good study Bible. I have also thought of the possibility of taking 3-4 copies up to our Bible College in the Highlands of PNG and designating one to be presented at graduation each year to the English speaking student of the year, for the next few years. These are just thoughts, but I wanted to share them with you. Since you have graciously provided the Bibles, I felt you should know how they may be distributed and used.

Well, I wish I could write as entertaining a letter as you, but have decided I won't try and compete with you. Again, thank you for your gracious gift. Thanks too, for the books you have written. Just recently I was rereading one you wrote on Inerrancy, as I prepared material to strengthen our Christian students on the campus against the onslaughts of infidel and anti-God lecturers. Like many of their counterparts in secular

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universities in America, some teachers here, feel one of their missions in life is to launch verbal and intellectual(?) assaults on the Bible.

Oh yes, I can't remember if I sent a prayer card to you last time, but will toss one in, though it is now 2 years old and very outdated(kids grow fast, as you know-the daughter on the right, is now almost as tall as me!). Thought you might like to see our whole crew.

We would appreciate your prayers for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

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