



The Ottosens

Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

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Our last update shared some of the struggles we had with rumors and community issues. The Lord has been gracious in resolving those issues within our church. The spirit and tenor of our church has greatly improved this new year and there has been a renewed sensitivity to preaching. We have seen many new visitors and an increased attendance overall. Please pray for Pol, Geson, Bart, and Paimba as they have responded to their need for salvation.

One visiting family invited our whole family to come to their home for a meal last week. We prayed for good weather and as Hannah was strapped into her carrier everyone grabbed a hiking stick and their hiking shoes. It took our family an hour to wade through a cold mountain river, cross multiple log bridges and climb steep muddy mountain slopes. We had a good time of fellowship and discipleship: being thankful for the opportunity to minister together as a family. Visitation here is a whole day event and always creates lots of memories.

At the closing of one Sunday service, four hands raised during the invitation. Two men along with two little girls: Grace and Melody Ottosen. What a thought, that my children might be reached in a tongue besides English. Cherith and I continue to use conversations as teaching opportunities to encourage their understanding.

Kotidanga Baptist Church hosted a three-day teen camp the first week of January. Eleven of our youth attended and were blessed by the time focussed on spiritual matters. This camp was the first time our youth group has interacted with other Christians outside of our church! They returned home with stories of how the Lord stirred their hearts through the preaching of His word. Three of our teens accepted Christ as a result: Cecil, Migret and Matia. May the fire lit within their hearts compel them to a life filled with service to our Maker and Saviour.

Our literacy class has grown to 30 students besides children, eavesdroppers and occasional pets. Their eagerness to attend class often exceeds my expectations. Students regularly arrive an hour before class (without having a watch to discern time) despite difficult weather. Some have to cross rivers and others hike almost an hour to make it to our class. My purpose in teaching literacy is to assist believers in becoming effective disciples; servants of Christ to become Spirit-led leaders in our church, their homes and our community.

The later half of January into February has been a tumultuous span of weather. Just last week we received ten total inches of rain over three consecutive days. Gusting winds have broken tree limbs and the rain is a daily occurrence. You might have heard about a large earthquake striking PNG earlier in the month. Komako was unaffected by it, but we are grateful for those who contacted us about the concern.

Subterranean termites have tasted every wooden structure on the property: our church, Jack's home, and kitchen. Three of our damaged house posts have been replaced and cemented. A roof built to shield Cherith's outside oven from the elements was weakened and collapsed in the wind. Please pray as we try to protect the buildings God has entrusted to us.

Pastor Tau Abary of Shalom Baptist Church in Port Moresby is a dear friend and truly a fellow laborer in Christ. He has recently suffered a stroke paralyzing the right side of his body. He has recovered the ability to speak but has a long road ahead of him. Please pray for his physical recovery and Shalom's ministry in the midst of such trial.

In His Service,
Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody and Hannah

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