



# The Ottosens

## Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

May 2019

We witnessed Josiah's arrival on April 3rd. He was a lightweight at only seven pounds and thirteen ounces. He was over twenty inches long and has been busy growing ever since. Josiah is starting to establish solid eye contact accompanied by frequent smiles. His three big sisters enjoy coddling him any way they can. Life is an amazing miracle of God, and parenthood provides the choicest front-row seat. After much needed rest, Cherith is recovering well from the surgery. We are thankful for all who have prayed on our behalf.

We have received Josiah's passport and have begun the process of attaining a Papua New Guinea (PNG) visa for him. There are some complications in placing Josiah on my Permanent Residence Visa without being in PNG. Their office has requested we bring Josiah overseas on a temporary two month visa and reapply for his proper visa after arriving in country. This would mean our family would take an extra trip out to town which is expensive and we could be stuck out for a prolonged period if things do not run smoothly. I would like to avoid that all together if possible. I am praying an avenue might open up, allowing us to have Josiah's long-term visa granted before leaving the USA in August.

I was concerned as Pastor Jack had not called me in the last two months. Our Komako church anticipated attending their first Bible conference in mid April at Watitako (waddy-taco) Baptist Church and I eagerly awaited his report. This conference would be a golden opportunity to refresh and mature our young church. You might recall from earlier updates, plans to attend a youth conference were dashed over a year ago by adverse weather restricting transportation. Also a 7.5 magnitude earthquake has recently struck PNG. Friends from other parts of the country told of various levels of impact in their respective areas. With these concerns, we continued to pray and wait for the phone to ring.

Pastor Jack has to hike to a specific location in Komako Village for phone reception, but he successfully called me a few days ago. He said the network service had been down all this time. He mentioned everyone was startled by the earthquake but no one was hurt. Housing was not affected but the earthquake induced more Christians to pray. Jack also reported of the wonderful time they had at the conference. Watitako Village is within two day's hiking distance and the weather didn't impede their travel. The preaching was geared specifically to our people and the time of fellowship will not soon be forgotten. Praise the Lord!

Nearby churches have been gracious in asking me to preach and teach while in the States. Seeing our brethren seeking and serving the Lord Jesus Christ has been greatly edifying. Our family is now ready to begin longer trips to update supporting churches with Josiah in tow. Please pray for our safety in travel and lasting fruit in the salvation of souls.

In His Service,

*Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah*

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