



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

August 2019

Our family is busy making final preparations for our return to the field of Papua New Guinea on August 29th. The whole family is well. Josiah is lifting his head just enough to flash his bright smile at anyone who catches his eye. He will be five months old when he arrives in PNG.

The mission house in Komako Village will need attention before it is suitable for our growing family; such as, rebuilding the rotted water-tank stand, change failing batteries from our solar array, and treating posts for termites with strong pesticides. It seems best to leave my family in Australia while I go ahead for a short time purchasing supplies and making the necessary repairs to the house. Cherith's sister, Kyla, has kindly agreed to stay with Cherith and the children while in Australia. The Lord is gracious in sufficiently providing all we need for each step we take for Him. Amen.

My family is scheduled to fly to PNG on September 9th where I will meet them. We hoped to immediately begin the process of getting Josiah a long-term visa but unfortunately Jacinta, who helps us with this intricate process, has tuberculosis of the stomach. Please prayerfully intercede for Jacinta's speedy recovery and her family during this trying time.

This summer has gone by quickly. We enjoyed fellowship with supportive churches and friends on recent road-trips. I am deeply thankful for the many people who support us in reaching more souls with the gospel. Our whole family was also blessed while participating in our church's Vacation Bible School. The theme was taken from the book of Jonah. Much

of the church family volunteered their time and talents in reaching children from our city.

I was assigned to work with 5-6th grade boys, while Cherith assisted in the nursery. She brought crafts each day that reinforced an element of the lesson of Jonah. She has a teacher's heart and thrives in that setting! We saw six boys pray to receive Christ as their Saviour, with a total of 40 from all classes. What a joy to take part in the Lord's work with others who have the same heart.

Pastor Jack was able to call me and reported of a death in our church. Ems was a middle-aged husband and father of five boys. His death became a witch-hunt as Ems' extended family erroneously blamed another family in our church of using witchcraft to kill Ems. Some of those men viciously assaulted a Christian within eye-shot of our property. This situation has exploded between two clans in our church and I am greatly burdened by the harm it has caused. Jack and I need God's wisdom in resolving the conflict when I return.

Prayer requests:

- ~ Safety in travel, August 29th - September 9th
- ~ Jacinta's recovery from tuberculosis
- ~ Josiah's visa to be granted
- ~ Emotions while leaving family
- ~ Wisdom in ministry
- ~ Reaching souls along the way

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah

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