



The Ottosens

Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

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Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. Psalm 68:19

As we count the multitude of benefits ensured through scripture and personally enjoyed every day, which can compare to being saved by God's grace? The glorious gospel of Jesus Christ is the only message by which man can be born again, redeemed from all iniquity, and promised eternal life. It is God's desire for us to ever proclaim this truth to the world today.

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:4

The fondest memories I have from our travels are soul-winning opportunities. Please pray for Rick and Randy, two men I have recently witnessed to. Every day is our chance to witness to people on the verge of an eternity apart from God's glorious presence. May our prayer be for God to use us in leading more to Himself.

As I was driving one day along a two-lane road, a crew of road maintenance workers were busy paving the asphalt road. Both lanes were closed and the detour directed me back the way I came. Following the detour around, I noticed the worker on the other side of the road holding a stop sign. His responsibility was to divert traffic so his crew could work in safety and all could travel without incident. Then it occurred to me, I hadn't warned anyone that day about a much larger threat that looms over everyone of us. We all will have to stand one day before the righteous Judge and give account for our sin. That man with the neon vest and helmet was faithfully exercising his duty for my benefit. Pulling over my van, I approached him as he looked at me in bewilderment. The man was standing all by himself and no cars were in sight. After thanking him for keeping the

tar off of my car, I shifted the conversation to the spiritual reality of inevitable condemnation for his sin. Everyone needs a clear warning sign, turning them to God and away from the idols of their own making. Perhaps the unexpected detours in your day are hidden opportunities to cross paths with people awaiting a hope sure and steadfast.

Two Komako village elders, Obram and Klis, have died. Both men were the oldest Christians in our church. These men had long lives filled with sinful motivations, actions and attitudes. Obram was known for his involvement in witchcraft, but left it after being saved. Klis had become blind with age and no longer could walk the trails, but had such a joyful spirit when welcoming each visitor into his home. They lived in fear as so many Kamea people live each day. One day that all changed when they believed the gospel of God's grace. Their faces will be conspicuously absent when we land in Komako village. Yet, through your prayer and partnership in ministry, these men have a home in heaven.

Praise the Lord all the necessary funds for the Bible Project have been promised! Thank you for all who contributed to this endeavor. Bearing Precious Seed ministry in Milford, Ohio, has graciously agreed to assist with their shipment overseas. Please pray as we now organize all the logistics in order for the Bibles to be distributed in PNG.

Hannah's personal visa was received last week, but our family's long-term visa has been postponed. It will not keep us from returning, but we are praying for its approval soon.

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody and Hannah

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