



# The Ottosens

# Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

July - August 2017

Our family was welcomed back home in Komako village by a crowd of friendly faces. This was the day we eagerly anticipated throughout our furlough. Our desire was to get settled as we caught up with all that we missed in the last year. It seemed as if we picked up right where we left off. Some things have changed: children have grown older as seen in their maturing faces, new houses have popped up, and the landscape of the jungle constantly fluctuates.

Our arrival marked the latter end of a three-month drought. Parched gardens and substantial rifts in the ground became the common backdrop everywhere we went. Our water-tank, holding stagnate rain water mixed with organic debris from our roof, became an incubator as it sat in the sun. Purifying drinking water was a concern and constant matter of prayer. The tank is now cleaned and the rains have returned by God's good hand.

Tensions have been high since the results of the local elections were made public. A favored candidate is from a neighboring village. When his campaign lost, unfounded accusations were hurled and frustrations escalated between our local villages. A large skirmish broke out on Komako's airstrip. All we could do was pray while we looked on from a distance.

People have voiced additional concerns in regards to the way our community school and clinic are being managed. Jason is trying to get the factions to discuss the root issues and resolve the problem.

The local Catholic church recently suffered the loss of their leader as he died from a brain tumor. Before passing away, he told their group to attend whatever church they wanted to as he would not be able to conduct religious services.

In the midst of these situations Jason was called across the river to assist with a medical emergency. Wesley, an elderly Catholic man, tumbled down a steep embankment and plummeted ten feet, his head striking a sharp stone. His scalp was torn open. The village clinic sent men to our house to request suturing supplies for the six inch, crescent-shaped cut on the top of his head. Jason attended as Wesley was stitched-up for over an hour. These sad circumstances have provided opportunities to witness to a spiritually indifferent section of our village. We are praying that the gospel will make inroads through all of this. It would be our desire to begin a Bible study on the other side of our valley when someone living there receives Christ.

The container of Melanesian Pidgin New Testaments is scheduled to arrive on September 10th. They will then be distributed to national pastors and missionaries. We ask for you to pray that the container will pass through customs speedily and without issue. As these Bibles circulate across this land, may lasting fruit be seen in our generation and all eternity.

We have been granted our Permanent Residency Visas which allows us to stay indefinitely within the country. This a great answer to prayer!

#### Prayer Requests:

1. More souls to be saved.
2. Christians to continue toward spiritual maturity and develop moral character.
3. Ability to witness in the Kamea language.
4. Pidgin Bibles to be a blessing to numerous ministries in PNG.

In His Service,

*Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody and Hannah*

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