



# The Ottosens

# Missionaries to the Kamea People of Papua New Guinea

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## Praise Report

There are two special causes of praise here in Komako Village. The first revolves around the resolute faithfulness of a single mother in reaching her children. **Erika** was one of our earliest church members and has been a strong influence for the Lord with her children. Her two oldest sons (Landi and Torina) have been particularly antagonistic and resistant to her pleas. Perhaps you know the difficulty of sincerely telling family members the gospel; which in turn, strains the relationship.

Erika expressed her deep burden; continually mentioning them by name during prayer meetings. Our church took it to prayer. Last month, **Landi** became so overwhelmed with circumstances in his life that he struck himself in the head with a stone until losing consciousness. We were all shocked by the incident, but continued to persuade him of Jesus' care for him and call for salvation. Shortly afterward he prayed with Pastor Jack to receive Jesus. Don't neglect lost loved ones by ceasing to pray.

*And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. (Galatians 6:9)*

A second testimony involves **Novi**, who I have mentioned in earlier reports. He is held in high regard as people request he conduct local court cases and assists in settling their disputes. Novi has always been on the fringe: instead of sitting down with everyone at church, he used to stand off at a distance and stare in our direction.

Last month, someone told us of his deep, secret involvement with the occult. His reputation, position and income were all directly tied to what people believe he was able to accomplish through the occult. This situation can be likened to Simon in Acts 9:8. The term occult often seems spooky but it is disturbing to witness the strangling grip it has on our people.

Then I realized the hurdles he faced in coming to Christ included relinquishing prestige, abandoning his identity and accepting the incurring shame. In my mind Novi seemed the person furthest away from the light of the gospel. Then, last week happened, after hearing the gospel for six years he fell under conviction of the Holy Spirit and put his trust in Jesus. He confessed that he nearly came forward numerous times before but found himself walking back home wondering what held him back. Our God is patient and longsuffering! May I say, the awesome power of the gospel should redefine the limits of what we think impossible.

*With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26*

**Pastor Tau Abary** has begun walking since suffering a stroke. I look forward to seeing him later this month, when we fly out to the city for our biannual supply run.

## Prayer Requests

Papua New Guinea was struck again by a large **earthquake** on February 26th. It registered at 7.5 magnitude, waking us around 3:45 in the morning. Our family is safe and our community did not sustain damage as seen in the highlands. Reports state the death toll has reached 160. Please pray for those affected by the earthquake to be reached with the gospel and for aid to arrive in isolated places.

A **neighboring family** with partial claim to our property desires us to leave. They are beginning to use malicious tactics to tarnish our testimony and intimidate our church family from coming. Please pray their devices shall be discomfited and transformed into great victory.

In His Service,

*Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody and Hannah*

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