



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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Our family is thankful for all those who prayed for our safe travel. Although some difficulties were present the Lord's protection was apparent in our return to Papua New Guinea. Our plans were altered when our flight back to Komako was postponed by two weeks. Please pray about logistics as it grows increasingly difficult to schedule flights to our village.

We decided to extend our stay in Cairns, Australia to avoid the high expense of lodging in PNG's capitol while awaiting the next available flight. That window of time was rich in soul-winning and preaching opportunities. No one I witnessed to had ever heard the gospel before. We left with the burden deeply imbedded in our hearts: the spiritual need desperately calls for more labourers to go!

As an answer to prayer, Josiah's visa approval was received a couple of weeks after arriving in PNG. On a somber note, Jacinta who previous handled our visa paperwork was misdiagnosed with tuberculosis and has passed away. We thank those who have been praying for her family.

Battles Won At Church

Shocking! The horribly lopsided fight exploded when our brother in Christ, Ems, died. Fifteen of Ems' relatives repeatedly attacked three men in Max's family, erroneously suspecting them of using witchcraft to end Ems' life. One man nearly died from the assaults while four of their homes were almost burned to the ground. Now our new church building was practically full because members from both sides came to bolster their number in case

violence broke out again. On Sunday morning, Pastor Jack and I were virtually standing between the Hatfields and McCoys. What could we do if twenty-five men began an uproar inside our church, exchanging strikes with their machetes and axes? We prayed and preached Jesus Christ to them at each occasion.

Both groups continued to come. Neither side willing to back down or show signs of being intimidated. Regardless of their motivation in coming, the Lord was working in our midst. The tension began to subside in the services. Then, we saw the scripture break through their hardness of heart; aggressors in Ems' family began responding to the gospel. The first was Paimba, the eldest surviving brother who was central to the conflict. Next was Suwanas, one of the oldest and most respected witchdoctors in our village. He led the pagan nose-piercing ceremony last year. Numerous members from Max's family also come every week but have not trusted Christ. Please pray for their salvation and service to our Lord.

"...the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm..." Nahum 1:3

Klarens is a special 12 year old boy. He has grown to exhibit spiritual character well beyond his years. He recently surrendered to be serve the Lord in the future as a pastor or evangelist! Amen!

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah

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