



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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For your fellowship in the gospel...Philippians 1:5

Apostle Paul had various conduits of God's grace that consistently filled the deep well of his joyfulness, but the one mentioned above was the supportive care repeatedly shown by the Philippians. Our family likewise rejoices daily because of your fellowship in the gospel through sustaining prayer and sacrificial support while carrying the gospel to PNG. This fellowship is necessary as all eternal issues hang upon the very gospel entrusted to us. Below are two examples of our Kamea people, joining us not just in salvation, but also in serving the Lord with gladness.

Rafort volunteered to go on an outreach trip with me to a village market and preached for the first time. While hiking to our destination, Rafort witnessed to those we met. He told one man, "When I die don't mourn for me. Rejoice because I know heaven is my home." Despite his clothes being torn, his bare foot heavily bandaged from a cut, and having little worldly education, Rafort preached from John 3:16 with holy unction coupled with passionate pleas for the souls of those people. The crowd was impacted by the spirit in which God's word was proclaimed. May God call him to be a Timothy reaching our Kamea people.

A second outreach trip was organized to reach three large markets and eight Christians volunteered to come. This outreach would also be a first time experience for them. I challenged them to contribute by singing special music prior to the preaching, sharing their testimony and witnessing to people within the market. Everyone did a wonderful job and they learned how sweet this fellowship in the gospel is. We averaged seven hours of hiking each day, but they all gave glowing reports of how much they enjoyed outreach and look forward to going next time.

Our six year old daughter **Melody** has recently shown more interest during family devotions by asking pointed questions and showing concern regarding her sin. One evening upon entering the girl's schoolroom, I saw a message written on the whiteboard, "Daddy, I need your help with something - Melody." Melody said she needed to get saved. After pointing her to verses, many of which she knew by heart, Melody called on the Lord Jesus Christ to save her!

Since coronavirus was detected in PNG, tensions have risen with an increase in violence. A brawl broke out between 200 people on our airstrip after a group assaulted a police officer. I went down to the site to stop the fight and by God's grace, the instigating group reluctantly left.

Recently a resident of Komako killed and buried his mother. People tried to discern whether this was a case of insanity or not. Two days before this man visited my house, swinging his machete and calling for me. When I approached, he made irrational statements and stared with a malicious countenance. After hearing what he did to his mother, I felt as though I had dodged a bullet. In the village setting, there is no course for handling such a situation. Nearly two weeks transpired and he burned down two houses and threatened others. Praise God, I was able to organize a plane to remove him from our village just yesterday.

Tensions are running at an all-time high. Please continue praying for God to provide safety, security, and wisdom as we delve deeper to reach more for Christ Jesus.

In His Service,

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