



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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A group of three men accompanied me on an evangelistic outreach to Wemauwa (way-mow-wah). There have been numerous issues with this village beginning earlier this year when a family involved with our church went to Weamauwa and caused trouble. They stirred up trouble by composing a bizarre story as one young lady fell in and out of trances and had convulsions for days while claiming she would change the thatch-roofed homes into “town houses” with metal roofing overnight. People gave money and food while hoping her predictions would come true. When nothing changed after a few weeks people came to our church asking if we told the family to trick them. In April people from Wemauwa also claimed I brought Covid to PNG but their veiled threats toward me never transpired.

The people from Weamauwa requested we come after hearing of other recent outreach trips in the area and the Lord provided peace about going to preach in their market. Rafort, Stenford, and CJ eagerly volunteered to accompany me which was very encouraging. Stenford’s son, Lolo, attends school in Wemauwa and wanted to host us in the small rundown dorm-house for male students. Lolo has been saved under our ministry and it was a good opportunity to encourage him through his hardships.

Wemauwa has a large, beautiful river that runs alongside the market site with a forty-foot wood-slat bridge connecting the market to the manicured grassy slopes of the school grounds. While waiting for people to arrive, we witnessed vendors arranging their wares. Rafort, who has grown in both evangelistic fervor and boldness, was speaking to groups of men while addressing their questions.

I pray more souls will be added to the kingdom of God because of his unflinching witness. I began preaching when the school let students out for their lunch hour. A group of people gathered closely around me to hear the message. After departing shortly thereafter, my men were all very excited by the strong verbal responses people had to the message and all seemed hungry to hear more!

In August I reported about Donabu who committed murder in our village. He managed to escape from the guard detail when they all fell asleep the day after being flown out of our village. Donabu was later apprehended while he tried to retrace the road back to our village. There was concern that Donabu would further target me because I arranged for the plane to take him to jail.

Our family flew out to Port Moresby only to hear Donabu was inexplicably released from custody without being brought before the law and was escorted back to our village. Somebody said the murder was Komako’s issue and the village would have to monitor him and enforce capitol punishment if he harms more people. Upon returning to Komako, Donabu wasted no time in coming to our house and onimously inquiring where the white people were. Please pray for safe resolution to this problem.

My family is still in Port Moresby and we are working on family matters. When it’s time to fly back to Komako Village our family will be strengthened and prepared for the challenges that await us.

In His Service,

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