



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

This has been a season of answered prayer. Today we are flying home to Komako Village. We will have already landed by the time you receive news if this update comes by mail.

Our family has been staying in the capitol city, Port Moresby, awaiting the next available date to return to the bush. We are thankful for brethren in town who have kindly aided in locating a small rental home, providing school materials for the girls, loaning us a vehicle, and for the refreshing times of fellowship. All our needs were met and we count it a large blessing to have relationships deepen with other missionaries, pastors and friends in town.

We have long-term visas called Permanent Resident Visas. Unfortunately three of our visas were mistakenly marked with an arbitrary expiration date that passed unnoticed in 2019! To be in the country with expired visas is not looked upon lightly and the fees for correcting my oversight could have been upwards of \$5,000. The issue has been resolved with the Immigration Office only charging a regular renewal fee. The Lord again graciously answered our prayers and showed Himself faithful.

Papua New Guinea has basic Covid-19 regulations familiar to other places: face mask requirements and body temperature screening while entering stores. The general attitude towards Covid-19 is much more lax than other countries, largely due to the relatively low number of 851 total confirmed cases. We join many in fervent prayer as news of family members and friends contracting the virus reaches us.

The kids have enjoyed the food only available in town: french fries (locally referred to as chips), pre-made loaves of bread, fresh milk and ice-cream.

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There are many differences between town and our under-developed village life. This became more apparent through our children's often repeated question about our return date to Komako: "When will we go back to Papua New Guinea?"

Cherith has continued to diligently home-school our girls so they will not fall behind in their studies. The girls were otherwise busily playing together and forming new friendships with our neighboring girls. It wasn't long until they began inviting girls from our neighborhood to church. We had a small band of faces that rode along Sunday mornings.

Our second daughter, Melody, accidentally slammed her finger in our house's front door. After visiting the doctor and getting a x-ray we found she had broken the tip of her middle finger. It is healing well with the deformed finger nail growing back nicely.

Many concerned friends have asked about Donabu, the violent but presumably insane man from our village. He remains in Komako despite his fatal attack upon his mother, but has seemingly returned to normal. Ironically, Pastor Jack reported that Donabu likes to play volleyball with our church on Sunday afternoons. Safety for our family is still a serious concern as he frequents our property, so please keep the matter in prayer.

The stay in Port Moresby has brought our family closer together and strengthened our resolve to serve the Lord whatever may come. Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to reach more souls for the Lord.

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah

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