



# The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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Throughout our furlough, numerous churches have kindly hosted us as we attended services in states east of the Mississippi River. We were also blessed to take part in several missions conferences this fall. Each conference personally encouraged our family.

Some might think that partaking in numerous conferences over the years would become routine. To the contrary, every conference we attended has been unique and an extraordinary time that our hearts are challenged by the preaching and presentations. Just as each church has its own character, the conferences show how the Lord distinctly works in the hearts of His people. For example, even as people are trying to recover from Covid shutdowns, some churches have committed to give more for missions than ever before. What a joy to see people to continue exercising greater faith in reaching lost souls with the gospel.

As an answer to prayer, unsolicited monetary gifts were received that will enable us to complete new projects in PNG. More will be said about the progress of those projects once they are underway.

Our furlough schedule has been busy, but is now slowing down as we focus on ordering supplies and packing for our return to PNG. Our scheduled return was set for January 3rd. We were later notified that the in-country flight to our village would not happen before January 23rd. Instead of waiting in the capitol city for twenty days, while accruing large expenses for lodging and food, we opted to postpone our departure from the USA until January 10th.

Pastor Jack relayed some things happening in Papua New Guinea. The country was struck by a 7.6 earthquake and over twenty people lost their lives, though no one in our area was harmed. The ground in our village showed signs of the recent drought and earthquake, leaving cracks three feet deep. Jack mentioned his thankfulness that the rains have returned; gardens are being replenished.

Currently our hearts are heavy as there was a misunderstanding within our Kamea church. A group of men have stopped coming for the past two months. Please pray God would grant wisdom as Pastor Jack tries to resolve the problem. Pastor Jack's wife is expecting their third child and could deliver at any time. Esila hiked almost ten hours to the nearest medical facility; which apparently ran out of any medicine that could ease her discomfort.

You might recall how Cherith's lower back and hips have brought pain for the past year. She started a new type of physical therapy called Active Release Technique (A.R.T.). It focusses on manipulating the layers of muscle. After participating for nearly two months, Cherith has found a measure of relief. Yet, her condition can decline rapidly. So please continue praying for her recovery as our return to the field approaches.

Our sending church has instituted a new seminary named Independent Baptist Seminary. The seminary is geared toward men in ministry and offers coursework online. The three courses I have been enrolled in this semester have been academically challenging and spiritually encouraging.

In His Service,  
*Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah, and Josiah*

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