



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

October 2025

Thank you for praying for our family. Your prayers have help carry us through a whirlwind of activity the last two months. We have not seen Sebet who held up our family and threatened Jason in July. Our village ministry in Komako is bearing fruit as seven new Christians were baptized at the end of August. The Iwaina ministry is also going well as the new buildings have been erected. Framing of the new church and parsonage was completed and the roofs were fastened. The walls and floors are almost finished, being enclosed by lengths of bamboo woven tightly together.

Our family left for a eight week trip to Wau Bible School and churches in the surrounding area. We poured ourselves into town ministry and saw the Lord do wonderful works in peoples' lives. Cherith taught a ladies' class (Being a Pastor's Wife) and taught a large Women's Meeting. I preached in a four-day Youth Conference with four hundred energetic teens in attendance. By God's grace, we witnessed seventeen respond for salvation, six people dedicated their lives to the Lord and many more decisions were made throughout the week.

Wau has four large language groups that converge in pursuit of gold and consequently fighting flares up sporadically. One such episode came up when a man was murdered during a botched armed robbery. The deceased man's group wanted vengeance and things spiraled out of control for a couple weeks. Clusters of houses were burned to the ground and at least ten people perished from physical altercations. Often we prayed when gun shots rang out and black smoke gusted upward from the latest burn site. Tension has seemingly diminished for the time being.

In October, our family was invited to attend Faith Baptist Church's grand opening of their sanctuary. We hiked up to Nami, the mountain ridge where the church is perched. Nami was the headquarters of a now defunct gold-mining company in the 1990's. A community has since sprung up and FBC was started fifteen years ago by Pastor Kevin. Missionary Gary Keck preached their dedicatory service. I was allowed to preach their Missions Conference the following three days. They were gracious hosts and allowed us to used their newly built guesthouse. A shower stall was also constructed for our privacy. They purchased two cows from the coast and transported them by boat and road for this special occasion.

Faith Baptist Church responded strongly during the invitation time. People were sensitive to the preaching of the word and thronged the front of the sanctuary. Upon returning to their seats I noticed tears splattered along the floor and puddled where the hottest praying had occurred. Two young men made professions of faith. Do pray for Moset, a young man that was in an abusive family situation and had recently fled to Nami. Praise the Lord he came within ear-reach of the gospel and has gotten saved as a result.

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The Bible School kindly allowed me to teach modules on Genesis, Pastoral Theology, and Biblical Counseling. In December six of the student families will graduate and return to minister in their five different provinces. The Lord has impressed upon my mind, the great need of training/mentoring church servant-leaders for the furtherance of the gospel. Please pray for these dear graduating friends as the Lord leads them forward: Thompson, Felix, Luke, Luis, Yullen and Imai.

We have returned to our home in Komako Village. We are getting settled back into jungle living and restarting the kids' homeschooling schedule. Almost our entire family has been hit with a wave of illness: fevers, headaches, coughs, etc. We are concerned about Melody, Hannah and Josiah's strong headaches.

Victories for the Lord

Uta and her husband left our village three years ago. They recently returned to Komako with an adopted daughter. Having this little girl has been a special blessing, removing the social stigma and slighting reproach of being barren. Her precious daughter has become seriously sick and Uta mentioned it during the midweek service. The knee-jerk cultural response to family illness involves summoning a witchdoctor to perform their healing ritual. Not surprisingly a witchdoctor arrived at their home once word got out. Uta halted the witchdoctor and denied him access to her little girl. She took a stand of faith and her daughter is now well. It is a joy to see believers leaving hollow shadows of culture and entering God's wonderful light.

Furlough is quickly approaching in May 2026. There are still some dates available. If you would like an in-person update please contact me by email. We will do our best to make it happen.

Prayer Requests:

1. More souls to be reached with the gospel
2. New believers to grow spiritually
3. Our family illnesses
4. Travels for 2026 furlough

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah

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