



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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The Lord has been expanding the church-planting ministry and increasing our faith as a result. Let's review the latest developments on three different fronts.

Iwaina Village Ministry

Our heavenly Father has strengthened the new church through an onslaught of trials. A swath of new Christian men have been absent from church services since joining the work crew clearing the way for a new national highway. Employment is a rare opportunity in the jungle, but it has distracted them from following the Lord. Religious groups have slandered our church to discouraged people from attending and some have made physical threats. The buildings have been vandalized at night: cutting into exposed studs, floor supports and bamboo walls. Close neighbors host raucous, drunken parties that disturb our large church events. It seems as though the devil is pulling out all the stops to overwhelm the ministry by engulfing it with worldly enticements.

Despite these difficulties many believers have not been intimidated. Ten people determined to follow the Lord in baptism. The baptism date was postponed, in large part, to outside interference. Meanwhile, Grace and Melody were both able to go on an outreach to Iwaina. Grace and I had a close call while unwittingly bathing with a meter-long poisonous snake. The church men dammed a different creek and we saw those ten people fully immersed in two and half feet of water. Their joyful overflow of emotion after baptism indicated the large value they place on obediently following our God. We praise the Lord to see souls frequently saved in Iwaina.

Church-Support Ministry

I was invited to preach a revival at Aseki Baptist Church. There were four professions of faith amongst visiting community leaders and the church was very receptive to the preaching. The Lord used His word to encourage the fold and enhance the course of the church. A leader publicly repented over his previous conduct before the church. Apart from sleeping above a chicken coup, everyone enjoyed the trip. God ensured our safe return despite rainstorms and traversing a flooded river that claimed a man's life days prior.

Komako Ministry

We held church festivities as 2025 drew to a close. Our youth group is maturing in character and are on fire for the Lord. Josiah has kept us on our toes this past week. He came rushing to the house with blood gushing from his head twice. First a misguided swing of his own hammer caused the alarm. Next a classroom with sharp metal siding made its mark while he was playing underneath. We were thankful stitches were not needed. Please pray as the Lord is expanding our ministry beyond our village setting and into numerous locations.

In His Service,

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