



The Ottosens Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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Bible Institute Graduation

For the past two years members of Komako Baptist Church have attended weekly classes on foundational subjects in the Bible. Besides developing skills to become life-long students of the Bible, they were required to instruct someone else about their new topics of study. Our students were unknowingly being trained to become teachers. Although the class size fluctuated over the years, we had seven students complete the coursework and graduate: three men and four women.

My heart rings with gladness having a wife that sacrificially ministered to the ladies by spending much time answering questions, praying through temptations with them, and being a daily example of walking by faith. My time mentoring the men and seeing their faith incrementally grow as we worked hand in hand was a high mark of all my missionary experiences.

Immersing Believers

Twelve Christians from Komako village followed the Lord Jesus Christ in water baptism as a sign of their belief in the glorious gospel. This group included seven youth, four children and a grandma named Sarah. Twelve new Christians were also baptized in Iwaina Village. Just hours before the baptismal service, our cantankerous neighbors blocked us from using the nearest river causing us to divert to another river twenty minutes away. Despite the protest of neighbors and other interruptions, the atmosphere along the river was unforgettable. The lively singing, outpouring of verbal support from Christians, and a large crowd of on-lookers was especially impacting.

Transition in Leadership

Upon leaving for furlough we were thankful for the strong national leadership team the Lord has put in place. Pastor Jack, Preacher Rafort and Stenford's hands are full caring for two thriving churches. In addition there are eight more villages requesting men to bring the gospel. Pastor Jack responded to one request by taking a group of four men to preach in Hauwabango village, ten hours hike away. Rafort preaches regularly in Kwaiyu Village and men have offered ground to start a new ministry there. The door of opportunity is wide open but there are not enough men to adequately cover our needy area. Jack, Rafort and Stenford will do a splendid job while we are away, but please pray to aid our brothers in Christ as the need outweighs their physical ability to meet it.

Please pray with us as our family has returned safely to the United States and have begun extensive traveling for furlough meetings. We look forward to sharing with you how the Lord works throughout our furlough and the vision the He has given us for the upcoming term.

In His Service,

Jason, Cherith, Grace, Melody, Hannah and Josiah

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