

Wow! It's hard to believe that we've been back in Papua New Guinea for 2 months already. As we sit down to write this update, we remember the closing words of John's Gospel, "Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written." We feel same about trying to update you all with our journey and transition back to PNG. So we'll give you some highlights. ***There are some things in here you're not going to want to miss, so read on!***

Mountains Moved... We want to thank Wakeshma Community Church for lending us drivers and the church bus to get to the airport. We almost got turned back at Doha, Qatar, but God got us through. After waiting in line for about 3 ½ hours in Hong Kong for our papers to be cleared, we woke our kids up to go through security only to find Krystiana had a fever. We knew there would be temp scans ahead so she was quickly whisked to the bathroom to wash her face and get some Tylenol in the system. Just as they came out of the bathroom, the line to security quadrupled. By the time we hit the temp scan her fever had gone down and were passed through. These are just a couple of the ways we saw God work along our journey.



Catchup...(no not Ketchup) We got to PNG almost a week into the school year. The kids spent their week in quarantine making up the previous weeks work while doing the current week's work so that they could get into class in-person. This has been a huge transition for the kids, but they've done a great job. ***PLEASE continue to PRAY for all of their continued adjustments as they are many and the emotions can sometimes be very raw.***

Visit to the village... Levi was able to return to the village for the first time in 2 years! He was warmly welcomed back by our brothers and sisters in Christ (and our dog Socks). However, along with the warm greetings came a pile of grievances that they have allowed to build up, along with dealing with some theft that had taken place during our absence. During his visit he met with the Bible teachers and walked with them through the process of beginning to seek out the "Lost Sheep" as well as modeling to them how to have team meetings so that they can work together in unity rather than each one pursuing their own ideas. He was even able to tackle some general maintenance and clean-up on our home, preparing it for our whole family to return in the weeks ahead. ***PLEASE continue to PRAY for the Wahgi Church, that they would be seeking their Heavenly Shepherd to lead and guide them in their everyday lives and NOT allow grievances to rise up between them to cause division.***



2 Kids' programs... Robyn was able to lead a kid's program for another mission's annual conference and it turned out that she was able to use the same program to run for the children here on our mission base as well. This is the time we generally have our annual conference, but covid... Enough said right. Some missionary families had already come out of their village locations for our conference, before it was cancelled, so it was nice that she could do something special for the kids.

With all the other children out on the base over the last week or so, our younger kids have made friends and really enjoyed having other kids their ages to hang out with. Yesterday was for Krystiana as her new friend left with her family to return to the village they work in.

Final Check... In God's perfect timing he had our translation consultant coming to our support base on his way back from Australia. We had two of our translation helpers come from the village and completed **the final check of the final book of the North Wahgi New Testament** with our consultant! After nearly 11 years of translation work as a team, the North Wahgi New Testament is completely translated! Now we are in the process of spelling and punctuation checking and gearing up to begin the formatting process so that we can prepare the NT for the printers! This will still take quite some time, but we are so thrilled to have come to this point! **Please continue to pray for us as we work on these finer details. Pray also for us to get the necessary funding for the upcoming printing.**



Translation check and celebration afterward

Covid with an Attitude... Covid has struck hard the province we're in. It has affected not only the surrounding community, but has also reached into our mission community as well. Because of the recent surge of the virus, there are a number of travel restrictions and curfews in place right now. We were going to go into the village as a family over the kids' school break, but have decided not to do that now as we don't want to get stranded there and not be able to get the kids back in time for school to resume. When the kids start school again, and things settle down a bit, Levi will go back to the village for a time of discipleship and fellowship with the church.

Please pray for this beautiful country! Pray for those who are ill, that their bodies would be able to fight and win against this virus. Pray for wisdom for their government. Pray that God would use this to draw many to Himself!! Pray for BOLDNESS for His name's sake!

Sweet 16... Our oldest, Michael, turned 16 this week. Hard to believe really, as I was looking back over some of our memories, photos from when we first arrived here with him being just 16 months old and now he is 16 years! We are so BLESSED! One of our co-workers here organized a full afternoon/evening of events for all of the Teens! They set up a wicked-cool water slide, night games, ping pong tournament, ice cream social, and game of SIGNS that allowed the older youth to have some fun together! It was convenient that this was planned on Michael's birthday because we couldn't have planned a better party.



THANK YOU for your continued prayers! We certainly appreciate each one of you! You are loved and you are a blessing!!!

Serving Him together!

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