

Greetings from Wahgi-land!

We feel so far behind in sharing the praises and prayers with each of you. Our apologies as we know that so many of you are such faithful prayer warriors and are encouraged by seeing opportunities to take our requests before the Throne, and how much more deeply encouraged when you hear first-hand of how the Lord is answering those petitions!

May we start out by saying THANK YOU to each one of you!

Tis the season of Thankfulness! Though each day we have so much to be thankful for, we thought we would share just a few praises with you right now.

Prayer & Praise Points:

- Currently 13 men and women are attending their 3rd week of Literacy School in their own language here in the village. Please pray that the Lord will enable them to learn and grasp all of these new concepts and skills, and that they would stay encouraged to keep working hard to get it so that they can one day read the Word of God in their heart language!
- You prayed- God Answered! Joe (Wirol) has returned! He has been so faithful and very active in assisting with the Literacy school! He has been a tremendous blessing to our men in helping with the teaching. Pray that he would continue and that the Lord would raise up future teachers for this program to continue without us!
- Translation efforts continue. Please continue to pray for our men and the few believers that are coming to help make sure that the translation is clear and communicating God's message!
- Pray for Dan and Levi as some discussion has come up regarding the methods of translation with one of the local church groups. Our men are hoping to be pro-active in meeting with some of the leaders to share how the translation process goes and invite them to see that we hold a very high standard in working to communicating God's Word into their language.
- Pray for direction and wisdom for us as a team as we seek the Lord in knowing how we can best disciple, equip and teach these believers.
- Praise! We have on average, 20 children attending on Sunday morning's and have started a Sunday school program of sorts, teaching them through the Bible chronologically as well. Rachel has been working hard on preparing the lessons and using her time with her language helper to disciple and translate the lessons clearly into the language each week. Each child colors a picture to go along with the lesson and we spend time memorizing scripture and singing in their language and close with quiz questions. Pray for these precious children. Some of the young girls are just a few years away from marrying and our desire is to see them reached with the message of the Gospel so that they may become wives and mothers of faith.

· Pray for Rachel and I as we continue on with trying to juggle life with our own families, homes, homeschooling and learning language. Pray that the Lord would enable Rachel to be able to finish with her formal language study this next year!

· Pray for Andrew and Nelli and family as they are still waiting on finding answers and help with Nelli's health. Pray that the Lord would open the doors to the right doctors so that proper healing can begin for her as she battles the effects of this thyroid auto-immune disease daily. Pray that the Lord would continue to encourage them and use them to challenge others for missions.



(Left: Robyn helping Sina review after literacy class----Right: Levi teaching a Bible lesson after Wednesday's literacy class)

Eternity with Hope!

First, friends of ours that we were in missions training with recently completed their first chronological Bible teaching in their village. We have heard that we now have many more brothers and sisters in Christ among the Biem people of Papua New Guinea!! May we REJOICE and celebrate with the hosts of angels as more souls have been drawn to eternity with Christ!!

Eternity without Hope...

On a much more sobering note, we got word a few weeks ago from our Papua New Guinea family line from our time in Madang, that our "village brother" Richard, age 24 entered into his eternity without hope. Liver damage possibly from hepatitis and perhaps cancer, as was the latest report, along with alcohol abuse, took this young man's life, leaving behind a young family, his wife and 2 children under 4.

This reality has been very difficult to take in. So many people in need and so few workers to bring the message of Hope to the nations! Please continue to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send forth more laborers! He is preparing, equipping, and leading individuals right now. We can be sure of that!

THANK YOU!

Thank You to each of you for your part in His Great Co-Mission! We could not be here without you! Your faithful prayers, your words of encouragement, your sacrificial giving-especially in these difficult economic times. Thank You for your ministry in our lives and in the lives of the Wahgi people!

A Murderer- Saved by Grace!

We have been wanting to share with you all for a while now about a man named "Jo". He was a 'hit man' for hire for many years. During this past year, God began to draw this man through great personal conviction and condemnation. He began searching for truth and hope as the fear of his reality was beginning to take its toll on his life. He tried many different religious avenues and heard about New Tribes Mission. He showed up at the gate of our government representatives office in the capital city. At the time, two of our veteran missionaries that were there agreed to begin walking through the Scriptures with him. When they found out that he was from our sister-language group, they encouraged him to seek us out to hear the message of God's Word in his own language.

If you all will recall the upheaval time during the recent elections here this past summer, we were in Australia for Robyn's surgery and our co-worker's were pulled out for a short time. It was at this time that Jo caught up with our co-worker Dan. Dan agreed to start teaching him through the chronological Bible teaching. Because they were not able to be in the village, the Lord provided extra time to allow Dan and Jo to cover many lessons each day. Following their return to the village, Jo continued to come each week from an hour away by bus, to cover about 6 + lessons in an evening and morning before returning to his home. Dan continued to faithfully teach and disciple him, Rachel ministered through food provided bedding for his stay with our "papa" (land owner) each time.

When the teaching was finished, Dan challenged Jo to take some time to think about all that he had heard and shared that there is much more, if he desires to continue to hear.

While we were in Goroka, Jim, one of the missionaries that had originally met with Jo in the capital city and has now returned to his ministry in the highlands, was contacted by Jo. He came to the office and shared very clearly his testimony of faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ through His death, burial and resurrection! He said, that Jesus, had never done anything wrong, but that he had and he deserved the death and punishment that Jesus suffered. He affirmed that now he has been set free from the torment he has brought upon himself because of what Christ has done for him. Sharing, that before he was always afraid of being killed on the street

because of his actions and now he is not afraid. His death is deserved, but he knows he has hope for his eternity. Jim relayed to us that he could see a light in this man's eyes that had not been there before. He shared that the physical demeanor and change that he could see was tremendous.

What we may see as 'interruptions' God may very well be orchestrating a soul harvest! We praise Him for these such 'interruptions' in our lives!

We send our love and warmest greetings to each of you!

May the Lord give you safety and special family times together this Thanks Giving!

We all have much to be thankful for, even amidst disappointments, poor health, horrific disasters, and devastating losses...for we have an Eternal Hope that far surpasses any temporary pain and tragedy we may face here on earth. And for that we can rejoice even in our darkest times. It is the Hope that we cling to!

Lifting you up before the Throne right now! Our hearts and love are with you!

In His grip,

Levi & Robyn, Michael, Daniel & Matthew Lenz

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