



*"I have been crucified with Christ;  
and it is no longer I that live,  
but Christ living in me..." Gal 2:20*

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**"God doesn't think about whether or not you have a church building. That's not a big thing to him. If you believe Jesus died on the cross for your sins and took your place, you are his church building..." ~Steven~**

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#### **BIBLE TEACHING UPDATE:**

This past summer we began teaching another chronological Bible course beginning with creation and continuing on through to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. With careful planning, the Lord has allowed for this Easter Sunday to line up so that our co-worker Dan will be able to teach specifically on the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus! What a joy that it happens to fall on the weekend that we celebrate Resurrection Sunday (Easter)! \*Please join with us in praying for those who have not yet put their faith in Christ, now attending this Bible teaching, to have the 'eyes' of their souls opened and that the Lord would use this lesson to make the way of salvation clear to them!

\*Please also pray for our co-worker ,Rachel, as she will be teaching the children on the purpose and truths of the Law that God gave to Moses on Mt. Sainai. \*Pray for wisdom for her as she seeks to use a powerful illustration of our sinful state before Christ and our need of a Savior! \*Pray that the children / youth that have been coming and listening so intently would understand their need for Christ. \*Pray that our Powerful God would place a hedge of protection around our village at this time so that His Truth can be proclaimed and understood clearly!

For several months now, we have been meeting separately with the believers in the evenings once a week to continue teaching them through the book of Acts. It has been encouraging to see what God is doing in the lives of these men and women. It is such a joy to see the Holy Spirit at work in each of their lives and how God is working in them even in opposition to their culture and sinful nature and to see the growth that is happening in them. After one of our meetings a couple weeks ago one of the men (pictured above-Joseph) spoke up and asked, "...if one of us wanted to be baptized, could you guys do that?" This question came after about 2 months after teaching about

baptism and what Scripture lays out for it's meaning. This delighted us all as we do not want to push our agenda but see the Holy Spirit work mightily in each one as an individual child of His own. In conjunction with this, we just heard that Steven approached Dan this past Friday morning and asked if they could do something special, like partaking in communion, as a group of believers on Sunday evening to celebrate Easter together. Again this question too has come about 8 weeks after the teaching on communion. This will be the first Lord's supper shared with our believers. It is great to see the Lord doing a work in these people's hearts and seeing a sensitivity to His leading in their lives. Thank you for your continued prayers for us and them.

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## LITERACY UPDATE

Nearly 5 months ago we started our second adult literacy course and first full length course with 16 students. Many of these students have had little or no formal education as children. We are excited to say that, Lord willing, we will be holding a graduation for 11 students this coming Wednesday. Out of the 11 students, 7 of them are women, most are in their late 30's, 40's and 50's, with one gentleman perhaps in his 60's! This has required a tremendous amount of dedication and sacrifice for these individuals to complete the course. We are very excited for their achievement and they are excited to be able to read and write in their language so that they may read the Word of God for themselves. We have communicated to the students that there are people back home who have been and are continuing to be praying for them. That has been encouraging to them as well as to us, especially to our believers.

Shortly after the literacy program started, we decided to began teaching the Creation to Christ lessons once a week with the literacy students as well. That continued to go well for the first few months, but over the last two months those who were faithfully staying to hear the teaching have joined us on Sundays for the Bible teaching and those who were not coming faithfully gradually faded out. Our prayer is that these individuals will put their trust in the finished work of Christ for their salvation. \*Please continue to pray for these precious souls.

(The picture above is one of our little Matthew trying to be Mr. Steven's Big Helper! What a joy to see our kids interact with the people in such a natural way...and too cute to pass up on the photo opps for this mama too! )

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## FAMILY UPDATE:

Last week Michael and Daniel had standardized school testing at our field headquarters, for which our whole family came out of the tribe to allow them to participate. Robyn and I were quite excited that both boys did very well with their

test scores. It was very encouraging for Robyn to see the fruits of her labor in that area of our ministry as homeschool has been a bit of a challenge for her this year. Each day we are challenged to see the special giftings and abilities that the Lord has given to each one and how we as their parents can grow more and more suited in our own lives to be able to adequately mold those individual persons to be using those gifts for their Lord! \*Please continue to pray for her as she is learning how to meet the boys needs in this area and for us as their priveleged parents to be able to raise these boys for His glory!

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**PRAYER POINTS:**

- For the believers, that they would continue to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit working in their lives and that they would have the strength to stand in the face of opposition. Many continue to face persecution for their faith.
  - For the translation of God's Word in the Wahgi language. Lord willing we will be having a translation check this coming June.
  - Pray that the check will go well and that we will have some Scripture that we can print and get into the hands of the believers before the end of the year!
  - Pray for Dan and Levi as they work to see that each verse is taken through the due process to ensure its clarity and accuracy in the Wahgi language.
  - Pray for our family as there are some decisions being made and we desire for the Lord to be glorified in our lives and through this process.
  - Pray that the boys will continue to do well with school and for Robyn as she teaches them.
  - Pray for our co-workers, the Wilson's, as they continue to wait on proper diagnosis for health concerns and for travel mercies as they are home in the UK/Europe for medical home assignment.
  - Pray for their children to continue with positive adjustments in their school system and with their unsaved friends and family that they may be a light to those that are around them.
  - PRAISE: one of Andrew's sister's recently accepted Christ as her Savior! We are rejoicing for the role that the Lord has allowed Andrew and Nelli to be in her life this past year!
  - Pray for our co-workers the Hulley's as they are preparing for a year of home assignment in the UK beginning late summer. For all of the planning and logistics that need to be worked our for a year at home and a year away from their direct ministries here in the tribe.
  - Pray for their children with all of the adjustments that they will be facing also in the months and year ahead of them and that they too will be lights among their friends and families also!
  - Pray for health as each of the families of our team, both here and abroad are currently battling various health issues and concerns. God is faithful and we are resting in His hands.
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN THIS MINISTRY AND FOR YOUR LOVE AND PRAYERS. WE COULD NOT BE HERE WITHOUT YOU.**

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