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In The Nick of Time?

Since the new girl in the family will be requiring her own space in the house we are preparing to put an addition on the boys' bedroom as the three boys are in a 9'x10' bedroom and Matthew is still sleeping in a toddler bed because there's not space for a bigger bed. Since there's no Lowes or Home Depot nearby, our best option for timber was to mill up some local trees. My translation helper, Stephen, sold me one of his trees which had fallen across the nearby river and found another that had been carried to his property by the river. We were able to get the logs milled up in the river last Saturday without incident. Our concern was that rain up the mountain could cause a flash flood with little or no warning carrying away both the logs and the sawmill. God answered our prayers holding off the rain until all the milling was completed. Now as I sit typing this letter, I hear the river roaring in flood stage from a morning of rain. I am very grateful for God's provision of the needed timber as well as safety and good weather while milling it.



Well Child Check-up...

Just like we take our children to the doctor from time to time for well child check-ups, last weekend we had a Church Planting Evaluations to check on the health and wellness of the church we have planted here in North Wahgi. This evaluation was done by two men who have planted churches themselves here in PNG as well as a Christian national couple from one of the churches New Tribes Mission has planted. It is always nice to see things from an outsider's perspective as we can often get bogged down in the day-to-day struggles of the growing church. We have been very encouraged by the evaluation we received and are now discussing how to implement the recommendations we've received in order to see the church begin to stand on their own feet. *Please pray with us for wisdom in how we can empower this church.*

Prayer Points...

- Pray for wisdom in moving forward in this church plant as we try to evaluate how to best divide our time.
- Pray for the church to be strengthened and to be able to stand on their own.
- Pray for the next literacy course that is scheduled to start next month.

- Pray for safety and travel of a team of folks who will be coming in 2 weeks from one of our partner churches in the U.S. They will be assisting with our annual conference, running a VBS program for our kids and then helping with the addition to the boys' room as well as other projects here in the village.
- Pray for the safety and travel of all of our co-workers around the field who will be traveling out for this annual conference.
- Pray for all of the individuals who are planning and preparing the program and logistics for this time and that we would all be mutually encouraged by our time shared together.
- Pray for a peaceful resolution to a growing feud amongst 'neighbors' of ours on the other side of the mountain. Several lives have already been lost and more are being demanded in retribution. ***We ourselves are not in danger as customary law prevents the spread into other clans not involved directly with the dispute and this dispute is not involving any clans from the village in which we reside.**

Thank you for your love, prayers, support, and encouragement.

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