

### **From Enemy to His Arms...**

Just prior to Christmas 2016 we completed a Phase 1 Bible teaching which resulted in a number of men and women placing their faith in Jesus Christ as their savior. Two of those men were refugees of sorts. As we were gearing up for the teaching there was an inter-clan war in the two men's village. They, along with several other people, fled to our village for safety. Some of the Christians from our church housed these two men and as a result they began attending the teaching and subsequently became Christians themselves. Isn't it awesome how God uses the bad circumstances of our lives to His own Glory?

One of these two men, Walip, had been having some health issues over the last few months which have come to a head. Just last week he was diagnosed with liver cancer, among other things. Over this last week Walip's health has quickly faded and early this afternoon he, who was not too long ago an enemy of God, was welcomed into his Heavenly Father's arms. Since the fighting has ended, Walip and the other man from his village who came to the teaching returned home and have been sharing nuggets of the truth with their families. They have also been asking us if we could take "God's Talk" to their village. Please join us in praying about how and when we should do this. We would like the men we've been training as teachers to be the primary ones to teach whenever we do go.

Last Sunday, I was able to join with several members of our church to go visit Walip. I encouraged his family that Walip will be going to heaven when he dies, but if it were any of them in his shoes they would not. I told them we want to bring God's Talk to them, but they need to consider whether they will hear it or not. Right now they're talking about who did the sorcery which caused this illness. Just as God was able to use the bad things that happened to Joseph for the good of the nation of Israel, we are trusting that he'll use Walip's faith in Him for the furtherance of his Gospel in this neighboring village. Please pray that Walip's family members who are surrounded by various religious groups will not be hardened against the Gospel, but that Walip's dying wish will come to fruition. We have been asked to perform the funeral service, so please pray that this will be a good opportunity to lay a foundation for what is to come.



*Two of our teachers in training*

### **Chimbu Conference...**

It is that time of year again. The time when all the churches which have been planted by NTM, or by outreach efforts of churches planted by NTM, in the "Chimbu Area" gather for an annual conference. This is a time which the various churches look forward to every year as they get to encourage and be encouraged by one another, make new friends, etc. Our people group is considered to be a part of the Chimbu area and has been welcomed to these conferences over the last few years. This year our church will be hosting the conference in two weeks' time. It is our desire that these relationships established now will continue on long after our team is no longer here in the Wahgi valley. The preparation for this conference has been a somewhat painful growing process for our church. Please pray for unity and faithfulness to finish the task well. And pray that those who attend will be encouraged through the teaching of the Word.

### **School Testing...**

Another annual tradition, one which the boys would probably happily discontinue, is school testing. Robyn has taken the kids out to our field headquarters for their annual school testing. Robyn and the boys enjoy their time out of the village as they get to catch up with friends they've not seen in a while. Meanwhile, this time, I'm here without the family for two weeks. I was forced to make my own oven bbq chicken and pineapple upside-down cake yesterday. However, our co-worker's daughter, Georgia, was kind enough to share a few delicious pancake-sized snickerdoodles with me yesterday! In all seriousness, please pray for the boys as they'll be taking tests next week. I know they never enjoy that part of the trip out and can get quite nervous sometimes.

This testing will help us to see how the boys are doing in their schooling and how we can help each one of them individually to improve. Please also pray for Robyn as she continues to home school.

We thank you for your love, prayers, and encouragement. We could not be here without such a great support which you play an important role in.

In His Grace,

Levi, Robyn, Michael, Daniel, Matthew, and Krystiana Lenz

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