

## Did You Tell Him I Believe---From the Lenzes View

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### **Graduation...**

On Thursday, May 30, Michael will be graduating from Numanohi Christian Academy here in Papua New Guinea. This is a time of HUGE transition for him as he leaves the country he grew up in and begins to assimilate into the culture of his passport country. It is also a huge transition for us as we begin the process of launching our children out of the nest from the opposite side of the “pond”. We will be returning to the US with Michael for the summer months to help him get set up there. **Please pray for good connections with our flights as continued fuel issues here in PNG have been cause for many cancelled flights lately.** Daniel, Matthew, Krystiana, and I will be returning to PNG in time for them to start the next school year at the beginning of August and Robyn will stay in the US with Michael until he goes to school. Michael plans to attend Ethnos360 Bible Institute (EBI) for 2 years and is considering the possibility of pursuing a career in the US Airforce after he graduates from EBI. If

you would feel led to make a contribution toward Michael's tuition for EBI, you may do so by following this link.

### Give Towards Michael's EBI Tuition

Our time in the US this summer will be short and our priority will be getting Michael established, tending to some medical needs, etc. We are sorry that we will not have the ability to see many of you this time in the States and look forward to catching up on our regular home assignment in 2026. We will be having an open house for Michael at Southside Bible Church in Battle Creek, MI, on June 22, from 2-5pm. We would love to see you if you're able to join us for this time of celebration.



### **Did you tell him I believe?**

In 2006, Goi was instrumental in going around with our co-workers as they were surveying the North Wahgi area, looking for a place to allocate for church planting. In 2009, when we joined the team, Goi worked alongside us daily helping to build our house. He only stayed around the village for a few more years but then he was regularly gone for months and even years at a time to the port city of Lae and the capital city of Port Moresby. Goi's been spending more time in the village lately and around Christmas time he came to discuss a need he had. As is normal for these types of requests, the conversation started out with a "brief" history lesson of Goi's involvement from the beginning when our co-workers first went to North Wahgi until current, explaining that he's left us largely to ourselves and not asked anything of us.

When the history lesson had finished and the request was made, it was my turn to speak. "You've spoken truthfully," I said. "You were involved from the very beginning and you did a lot of work helping to build our house. And you're also right that you then left us. You left us as orphans. You were completely unaware of what you had a hand in bringing into this area. Yes, I can help you with your request, but that is just temporary. What you had a hand in bringing, that will last forever. It is like you did the hard work of preparing the ground for the garden but you've not tasted of the produce. Other people are eating your hard work; something that will last forever."

This is a condensed version of the conversation that took place. After our conversation, later that evening, Goi approached one of our Bible teachers, Joseph, who had also been involved from the beginning, and said, "I want to hear the Bible lessons." Slowly-but-steadily the two have worked through the Creation-to-Christ lessons and have completed them. Goi is happy to proclaim that he is believing in Christ for his salvation. When he heard that Robyn's dad, who was also there helping to build our house, was coming for a visit to the village, Goi asked, "Did you tell him I believe?" He was excited to see Robyn's dad again and share his new-found faith in Christ with him! Both of Goi's parents who have preceded him in death had placed faith in Christ and Goi's is the last of his siblings to have done so. I can only recall one other family in the church where the parents and all the siblings have placed their faith in Christ. **Please pray for Goi as he grows in his walk with the Lord. He is eager to learn more!**



Joseph (left) and Goi (right) with Robyn's parents.

Thank you for continuing to stand with us as we serve the North Wahgi People of Papua New Guinea.

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

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