

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Upcoming tent meeting in Kumiane
- Safe delivery of the baby (due November 6)! Pray for God's timing & direction, as we live 3 hours from the hospital.
- Growth of our new Christians

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What an exciting it has been over the past few months! Thank you to all who have been praying for us, and thank you to those who give money to us and enable us to stay in this jungle so that we may reach our area of Papua New Guinea.

We have learned that there is no shortage of work to be done in this land. Many times I think about what could be if we just had a little more money to use, what could happen in lives if we had a little more prayer power, and what has already been done with what has been trusted to us. It is a pleasure and a privilege to work with you for our Lord!

BAPTISMS & SALVATIONS

Last month we had 4 men baptized down in Wara Nama. It was an exciting time for our small little church. It was a battle too. We had to fight a bit of the religious attitude here. There is a belief that baptism is so special that churches require people to buy nice brand new shirts, give Pigs (this can be the equivalent of us giving a \$1000 offering), and hold a very special Sunday for baptisms. While we definitely want to celebrate what God has done in the lives of His new children, we don't want to prohibit people from participating. This is what has happened in the churches around us in PNG. We minister in a pretty poor area of the country, and laying financial burden on these people to participate in water baptism has led to many not doing so. In fact, the walk from where our church is to where the river runs is about 10 min, and that entire time I was counseling one of our men to go through with baptism that day. Thankfully, God got the victory and we had a great service!

The very next day was our Religious Instruction class in the Kumiane Primary School and the Soldiers for Christ kids club. 6 kids got saved on that day! We were so happy. For the longest time, the kids of Kumiane were holding out and resisting God's call for salvation. It was like something let loose in them that night. We were so happy, and the following Wednesday 5 out of 6 of those kids were in church. It has been a great month. When I stand up to preach in Kumiane, I can see that more than half of our crowd has accepted Jesus as their Savior.

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

We have also been working with some of our families in Kumiane. It is exciting to see God deal with them about sin during the week. They are coming to us asking how to take care of sin and problems their sin has caused without me needing to preach it out of them. What a great evidence of conversion; to know that the Holy Spirit is working in lives is an encouragement to us too! Thankfully God reigns in these issues and it's not all on us. Please pray for our families here, especially Simon and Tina. They have a desire to do right, but they need counsel and Bible to know what right is. All of the people in our area are basically in two camps. One is the drug life and the other is a religious life without God. Both have their affects and both will send people to hell. Please pray that our people would grow in God and overcome some of these issues that they are still dealing with.

This past week we purchased ground for the church. Our eldest member donated this land. It's actually a pretty large gift for him to give. Some money changed hands, but that is so that it will be an official transaction recognized by the government. This is to stave off arguments or trouble in the future. Please pray as our people raise the money for a church building!

UPCOMING EVENTS

In October we will be putting on a 4-night tent meeting! Please pray that the lost people will hear the preaching and turn to God! We have a great opportunity right now to minister to the entire hauslain! Many of the people in the other denominations are thankful that we take time to work with their kids. Their own churches don't see the value in it, so the kids get overlooked. Our testimony of love and faithfulness towards these young people is giving us some favor. Please pray that the meeting would be effective and that God would work! Last time we participated in something like this, about 50 people got saved in 4 nights, and there are many more than that in Kumiane who need to hear of God and his gift to us!