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MISSIONARIES TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Thank you for praying for us while we were stuck in Australia awaiting the boys' visas. We finally obtained them, then the flight back to PNG, and permission from those in control of the Covid-19 situation. After completing the two-week quarantine, we got some supplies, applied for Bethany's passport renewal at the embassy, and flew up to the mountains. God definitely arranged all of the details we needed to get home, including good weather at the airstrip so we could land. We then hiked over the mountain and got home about four in the afternoon on June 26.

Since then, Sam has preached several times at church, led a youth meeting, and completed some work projects around the mission. He installed our new camp wood stove, a gift from the GAP Class of our sending church, and it has been saving us a lot of cooking gas. (Gas is hard to bring up on the plane and get to our house.) When Sam is working on construction projects, he enjoys working with some guys from church, using it to teach them skills as well as in discipleship. Our little outside kitchen was also recently completed. We then hosted the traditional "pasim haus," including a meal for the workers. The wood stove is in the house with a pipe chimney, but the cook house out back has an open fire for roasting vegetables that are a staple here. We have even made dutch oven bread in the open fire, and steamed cakes on the wood stove. Heated water put in a bucket from the stove is also nice when we don't have enough sun to warm the solar water heater.

Sam is now busy heading up the road repair project. The trail from the airstrip suffered landslides in 2018, and the government gave money to the mission for the supplies and workers. Sam usually leaves early every morning, hiking to the work sites, working, then hiking back in the afternoons. Please pray that this will be completed in no



more than six weeks, for Sam is excited to resume the Bible institute. The road project has been **opening doors for relationships** with some guys he normally does not interact with. **Please pray** for fruit.

Mary Beth has been using the summer break from homeschooling to continue working on church music in Pidgin. She has been preparing lead sheets for the songs in our new songbook, to help those who play instruments to lead the church singing. Selestin comes for piano lessons, and has learned much that she puts into practice with her guitar, teaching others who play guitar, who are also catching on. She has been so happy to learn more theory, saying she had been praying for someone to teach her. **Please pray** for her and the others who are learning music, to continue to seek to honor the Lord through music. It has been a blessing to join our voices in praise, more on-key and in-time. Sunday afternoons are open to any of the church who want to join in choir practice. Mary Beth has been teaching them some new songs, along with a little theory to help them understand why some words are held out longer.

Mary Beth has written two new songs in Pidgin, based on Scripture, that she is also sharing with other churches in PNG. **And we have a special gift to share with you: a new English song she wrote recently. We hope it a blessing to many churches. It is attached.**

We also appreciate your prayers concerning the recent rise in positive Covid-19 cases in the capital city. Our clinic is closed since the nurses had to leave and the new nurse can't make it in due to no incoming flights from the States. We have been educating the community, but we need wisdom in the coming days. (Live-streaming church services is not available.) **We are praying that the virus will not be spread up into the villages.**

Please pray for Tantan, Judas, Jon, Blumen, Imai, Leften, and Pastor Ben, that they will continue to grow in the Lord and be faithful.