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Celebrating Milestones

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Celebrating Milestones!!

Hebrews 12:1-2



As parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles we watch our little ones as they move through various milestones. What joy to see our babes as they achieve those precious goals - walking, saying dada, mama for the first time, first day of school (wiping lots of tears!), or riding their bicycle for the first time. etc. What joy those precious moments bring!

We have had milestones, too. We have been supported missionaries for 10 years now with ABWE and missionaries to PNG for 8 years serving our Lord and Saviour and sharing the love of Christ with so many in here! We have been reminded about the cloud of witnesses. **Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured**

the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

During the joys and challenges we face on the mission field, we know those cloud of witnesses are cheering us on! Thank you all for encouraging us, supporting us, and praying for us as we continue to serve God in Papua New Guinea.



Our house guest

We have had the pleasure of having Cameron Smith staying with us. His parents are missionaries to Japan. He has helped out on a variety of projects during his month in PNG. He has been a tremendous help with teaching the Art class, working in the clinic, going to the Religious Instructoin classes among other things, and he has been checking out various aspects of what we do here. It's been a joy to have him stay with us.



Dorothy

Dorothy, one of the students from my Pidgin Literacy class, got a stick stuck in her foot. It had been a few weeks since she had been dealing with this and she wasn't able to come to class due to the swelling and stiches she needed. The class wanted to go visit her and take her some fruit and vegetables to show her the love of Christ. We went to her home, and Dorothy was in tears as soon as she saw us. She just cried and cried. She said she prayed for someone to come and visit her for the past two weeks and God impressed on our hearts to go visit her. It was so good to see her and love on her. She was still using crutches, but she told us she would be in class that next day. It's great to have her back in class!



Showing the love of Christ to Dorothy.



Moodle

Pray for Phil as GBBC works to expand learning opportunities for the students through technology. GBBC is currently in the testing phase of implementing Moodle, an Online Learning Management System that will help both student and teacher to interact, both locally and remotely, through technology. Implementing this in Papua New Guinea has its own challenges due to lack of high speed internet or even dependable internet service or electricity and many of the students and some teachers new to GBBC have never used a computer before. We pray this will open up new opportunities to learn and teach in a variety of ways for both staff and student.

Solar Update

The new generator house is nearing completion. Once completed, the next

major phase will be finalizing of the 3-phase wiring across the campus and installing the new generator and transformer. Installation of the solar panels will begin once the new clinic's roof is at a sufficient point of construction to support the weight. We are excited to be moving closer to GBBC having dependable and less expensive electricity. Many times power is lost several times a day and often we run off the generator for days, even weeks at a time making the cost of electricity extremely high. Praise the Lord there is a plan in place and we are moving forward towards that goal.

Furlough

We are leaving PNG on September 2nd for furlough and as we head home, we will be stopping by Ketchikan to visit with our Alaskan family. We are scheduling meetings. If you would like to schedule a time to get together with your church or you personally, please let us know.

Upcoming dates

Pidgin Literacy class graduation - August 17th

Mini-Missions conference Parkside Bible Church - September 21st

Prayer Requests

Unity for our team

AWANA at Lower Bena - for leaders to be faithful and lots of children and youth to come to hear the Good News of Christ and learn His Word.

Blessings

One student from last year's Pidgin Literacy class put her trust in Christ!

Classes at GBBC started.

Jan had pneumonia, but is fully recovered. Praise God!

Your missionaries to PNG,

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Acts 20:24

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