



May 2016

Greetings! Thank you for all the prayers as we have returned to our roles in Papua New Guinea (PNG) and get settled into life. Here is the brief outline of the last couple months:

- March 4 Elijah's Boot Camp Graduation
- March 5 Left Los Angeles
- March 9 Arrived in PNG
- March 12 Hospitalized in Cairns, Australia
- March 17 Released from the Hospital
- March 30 Returned to PNG
- April 2 Moved into current residence
- April 6 Returned to jobs
- April 8 Boys' Softball began



(Flying over PNG)

The other night was a good example of our job responsibilities here on Center. I (Jodi) was the nurse on call. It was about 7pm, dark and rainy, and my radio rang. I answered as required, "This is the nurse on call. May I have a number to call you back?" We ask for a number to call back because several people carry radios and can hear the conversation. I was barely able to hear what the person said. He tried calling a few times and each time I was unable to hear well because of static or the connection was not made. I did finally catch the person's name and eventually I was able to contact them. The patient was able to get the needed help and medication. The radio is connected to a phone line, so Jay went to the telephone office and was able to fix the defective phone line, which might have been hit by lightning. So the next time my radio rang I was able to answer it without difficulty.



(Our Center from the plane)

Jay is back to work 8-5 Monday through Friday with the exception of leaving early to coach boys' softball 3 days a week. I am back at the clinic working as office nurse, filling prescriptions and being "on call". My hours fluctuate. I am back to hanging clothes out to dry between rain showers and figuring out what to fix for dinner with what is available in the store and market. We are making new *friends* and saying good bye to others.



(Our Neighborhood)

It is exciting to be in PNG again and hear of a few Bible dedications that are coming up. One translator, Hilikka, who lives close to us, has been working with a translation project for several years, almost quitting many times. She, along with other translators, including Papua New Guineans, have persisted. The Urat New Testaments will be printed soon and shipped here to be dispersed for the dedication in July. Please pray everything comes together for this language group. Many times, difficulties especially occur as a language group gets closer to having the Word of God.

We want to express our gratitude for the many friends we have who are part of this ministry with us through finances, prayers and encouragement.

Thank you for the many prayers while I was so sick. I am grateful for our clinic, aviation, friends and other departments who supported us through my sickness. It was an unplanned event affecting our finances and transition here.



(Our backyard)

Thank you for partnering with us in Bible translation.
We are excited to see what God will do in the next couple of years.

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