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## Pettygrove Progress Opportunity

We have been busy here in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Jay's work load is heavy in the telephone department with projects these days. He has been moonlighting in the evenings helping with a Bible App for one of the language's projects. It is softball season and he is coaching the boys. The clinic load for me has been lighter as there is more staff these days.

The clinic being well staffed is an answer to prayer and has made it made it possible for me take some online nursing classes. After years of thoughts and prayers, God has opened the door for me to pursue an online master's degree with Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, IL as a Family Nurse Practitioner. They have been very helpful and encouraging to work with. In fact they support a Nazarene mission hospital in PNG.

Some of my responsibilities at the clinic are similar to a nurse practitioner's role. This is just the reality of working in a developing country's clinic. This schooling and licensing will add to my skills and give me the knowledge and confidence to do what God has called me to.



To complete the degree, I have online classes for the first year. I started the program on October 24 and I am halfway through the first year. I have been able to buy some electronic text books online. I do spend some time researching, which can be challenging with our internet connection, but so far it has been functional. I am still working in the clinic here and do my turn of being on call. I am very excited to learn more, and find it very challenging.

The second year consists of clinical classes in the States. The branch here in PNG has granted me study leave to complete the degree. John, our oldest son and Courtney (his wife) have invited us to live with them in Georgia. He is working to find doctors and nurse practitioners that I can do clinicals under. Jay is very supportive of my endeavor. He is praying for God's guidance concerning what he'll do while we are in the States. There are opportunities for additional technical training and for stateside staff positions in Wycliffe. We also plan on travelling and sharing what God is doing through Bible translation in PNG.

We will still be serving with Wycliffe and we will retain our missionary status with them. Presently, we will remain in PNG until fall when we will return to the States for at least one year. When my study program is complete, we plan to return to PNG in our present positions.

We are stepping out in faith. Please continue to pray and partner with us as God leads us in this new opportunity. Feel free to contact us with questions or ideas.

Serving together  
*Jodi and Jay*

### **Praise:**

- I passed my first four classes!
- The paper work went through for my Georgia RN license which I need for the clinicals.

### **Prayer request:**

- Ability to learn well
- Cooperative internet for classes
- Finances for school
- Doctors or NPs to work with
- Jay's role in the States
- God uses me to encourage my online classmates in their walk with God (and maybe into the mission field)