



The Ottosens

Reaching the Kamea of Papua New Guinea

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Answers To Prayer

We often pray the Lord to bring about revival and lasting fruit as we minister in PNG. We are humbled to report that the Lord is answering that prayer as numerous people have made decisions of salvation. It has been unusually consistent for the last five weeks straight! This is an amazing moment in our ministry. Please continue petitioning the Lord for more people to hear the word with understanding and trust in Christ for salvation.

Klem is a young Christian, about fourteen years old. He came to me one Saturday morning for counsel and encouragement. His concern was the fruitless results of repeatedly asking his four older brothers to get saved and come to church. The next day, his brother, Jelton, joined us at church and asked the Lord to save him from the penalty of his sins. The quick answer to the specific prayer request bolstered Klem's young faith. What more would occur if all prayer was as pointed, passionate and persistent?

Tadios was put on church discipline two years ago for domestic abuse and violent outbursts. Our church has been burdened and continued praying for the situation. Upon hearing Tadios was very ill, Jason hiked to his house late at night. During the visit he admitted his need for true salvation and called upon the Lord for forgiveness. He is now back in church and his family is rejoicing in the changes they have seen.

A baptismal service was held for eight people in December. Hannah, our seven year old bubbly daughter was among them. Levin, the young man mentioned in our last update, was also baptized. Pray as he is struggling to pull away from worldly influences and family struggles.

Rafort and his family returned from Bible school for a couple weeks. It was refreshing to see them and observe their evident spiritual growth. Raftort is a humble man with strong desire to minister to people. He is the first "Timothy" of our church and their family is prayed for in every service.

We have also been encouraged with an overall faithfulness of our Christians. Repeatedly testimonies are given of their dedication to follow the Lord wholeheartedly. More people than

ever volunteer for activities and have become involvement in church services. These things are especially true of our teen girls.

Building Boom

Our large church kitchen has been completed. The two stone fire pits were well used during our large Christmas celebration. Financial gifts enabled us to purchase and install solar lights in our church. We can now have later church services and extended activities.

Milling timber for the new classroom was a huge project. While cutting the last piece of wood, our largest chainsaw caught on fire. No one was hurt and Jason is excited to move forward with constructing the classroom. We have the posts and flooring substructure completed. The volunteer church crew have begun framing the walls. Rainy weather and tropical storms have slowed progress. Our prayer is the skeleton of the classroom and roof can be completed before our next supply trip in four weeks. Exterior walls and louvre windows will need to be purchased when we go out.

New in 2024

The Lord has burdened Jason to train men for ministry and for our church to be challenged with deeper study of the Bible. As a result, we are beginning Komako Baptist Bible School in the coming months. Our region is starving for Bible-believing churches and solid gospel-witnesses. A Bible School based out of the church will assist in reaching these goals in the Great Commission. We will also be using the new classroom for ongoing literacy training.

With the new classroom being constructed, we have all we need to host the Bible school. Yet curriculum needs to be developed and instructional content prepared. Please pray with us that necessary materials are composed in a timely manner and that students will subsequently grow in their faith.

Prayer Requests:

1. Pastor Jack's family to return safely from their two month hiatus.
2. God to provide our family with safety, health and strength.

In His Service,

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