

the Childs Family

GOD'S SERVANTS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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I'm glad our family loves to travel! I enjoy traveling so much more when I see our girls so excited about eating a meal on an airplane or trying to stay up all night to watch videos on a 13-hour flight! We even enjoy spending time in airports, seeing all the people and interesting shops. However, as much as we like traveling, the girls announced to us that they were glad to be done with airplanes for a while. Perhaps it was the fact that we had spent over 80 hours in either airplanes or airports that dampened their enthusiasm!

On the way from Papua New Guinea, we spent a few days in Perth, Australia, with my parents, and a few days in Texas with Lauren's parents and grandparents. We arrived in Michigan on May 10 and spent a couple very busy weeks trying to settle into life in the United States. Attending doctors' appointments, getting immunizations, setting up our home in our fifth-wheel camper, getting new drivers' licenses, reporting to our home church . . . in between everything, the time seemed to disappear!



In the first week of June, we moved down to Arkansas, to stay in a home built for missionaries and pastors. The cabin is in the middle of the Ozark Mountains and is in a remote and quiet location. As we stay here for three months, we are asking God to use this time to give relaxation to our entire family, and specifically to help Lauren rest and recover physically. Please be in prayer for her, as the exhausting transition from Papua New Guinea to the States has caused her health to relapse.

We appreciate your prayers for Keith and Deana Crumrine and their family, as they have moved over to our home in the village of Tirokave. The Lord miraculously provided the government paperwork for them and helped them with the funds needed to fly to Papua New Guinea. However, it is obvious that Satan is trying his best to oppose the work they are doing. Since their arrival in the country, they have had to deal with many traumatic situations. Less than two week from when they moved into the village, Deana fractured her ankle. They have had to make emergency trips to take

villagers to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Two people were murdered, and one of these murders has caused serious tensions between clans within the village. Just yesterday, we received word that one of our church members, Julie, lost her two-year-old boy due to an unknown illness.

Please pray that God would help the Crumrines as they deal with situations such as these. Pray that God would keep helping them as they learn the Pidgin language and as Keith prepares messages to preach in Pidgin. Also, would you ask the Lord to provide the finances that they need for the rest

of their year in New Guinea?

We greatly appreciate your prayers for our family and for the Crumrine family, as we both follow God's leading for our lives, whether it be in Papua New Guinea, or in the United States!

In Christ,

Ben Childs

Praise

- We praise God for keeping us safe as we flew from Papua New Guinea to the United States, and for helping the Crumrine family making this trip the opposite direction.
- Praise the Lord for the peaceful place that He has given us to stay for a few months.

Prayer

- Pray for God to heal Lauren and give her strength.
- Pray for God to help the Crumrines with learning Pidgin, and that He would provide their financial needs.

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