

# the Childs Family

GOD'S SERVANTS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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The believers of Good News Baptist Church have been meeting in our new church building for two months now, and we are praising the Lord for the blessing it has been. We have been seeing occasional visitors since moving into our new building, and some have become regular attendees. We continue to pray that the Lord would bring more people to hear His Word.

One of our greatest desires for the Christians of Good News Baptist Church is that they would be growing in their walk with the Lord. However, God tells us that "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Of course, they are hearing the Word of God in the services each Sunday and



Wednesday. However, they need to be reading and studying God's Word every day, and taking time to talk with Him. The challenge for many of our people is that they have had little or no education. Because of their

limited education, they find it very difficult to draw conclusions and applications when they read the Bible. God has challenged me to write a basic Bible study from the book of Ephesians to assist them in their daily time with God. Each day's study covers only a few verses of the text. However, it helps them to understand the meaning of the text, and also helps them to make applications to their own life. Many of the Christians were very excited to begin the study. I am printing the lessons in one-week increments, and several of the people are already working on week 5! Please pray that the studies will help them in their Christian lives, and that it will help them to develop a consistent habit of Bible study.

The Lord continues to give us many opportunities to share the Gospel and encourage the believers. On Mondays, I preach in the local market, and on Wednesdays, I preach in the public school. Please

keep praying that the seed of the Word would grow in the hearts of those who hear. For the most part, people listen intently. We certainly would love to see more who would put their faith in the One Who can save their souls!

We appreciate your continued prayers for our family. Lauren's health continues to improve very slowly. However, we are praising the Lord for any improvement, no matter how small. Our three girls are continuing to grow and are doing well in school. Miriam is now in 7th grade, Abigail is in 6th grade, and Chloe is in 4th grade. They are quite a help with everyday life in New Guinea—washing the dishes, hanging the laundry on the clothesline, doing some of the meal preparations, helping with cleaning the house and weeding the garden. Of course, they thoroughly enjoy reading as well as their play time outside!

Once again, thank you for your prayers for our family and for the people of Tirokave Village!

In Christ,

*Ben Childs*

#### **Praise**

- We are praising God for the visitors that we have had in our services recently.
- We praise God that the Christians are studying His Word.

#### **Prayer**

- Pray for the Bible studies to help with long-term growth in Christian lives.
- Please keep praying for Lauren's health to improve.
- Keep praying for our regular church ministries.

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