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Are We There Yet? part 4?

The short answer is, “No, not yet!” But, the long answer is more exciting! We actually have our plane tickets for Papua New Guinea! We leave September 11th. Rosie’s PNG medical license was granted, and when that last piece of paper was submitted to the PNG government, along with all of the previous documents, the Work Visa was granted in a record two days! Interestingly, Monday of last week Anna and Grace both told us that, “It is time to go to Papua New Guinea! I’m tired of waiting!” They were incredibly adamant, unlike anything we have seen these last many months. That night Anna prayed specifically that we would get to go to Papua New Guinea

soon! When we woke up the next morning we had an email saying that we should plan on coming in three weeks rather than five! Then we had a special lady in Nampa show us slides of PNG, had Sunday School with people that grew up there, and were able to meet Dr. Geneva Silvernail the new Principal of MNBC and hear her deputation presentation! I think God is tying up all the strings to help us once again get emotionally prepared to leave.

We will continue to give you updates about our process. Our passports and applications for the Entry Visa are currently at the PNG embassy in D.C. Please pray that this will go through easily. Thank you for your prayers!



Medical Tests Finished!

As many of you know, Rosie has been working on on-line tests to maintain her medical board certification. More good news! She is finished with the third major test now, and is officially caught up and even a little ahead! In discussing her role in PNG, she will probably work at the Kudjip

hospital and supervise a medical clinic at the Bible College. She is now working on medical terms in Tok Pisin. To say, “Open your mouth widely and say ‘ah,’” you would say, “Opim maus bikpela na tok ‘a.’”

Please pray for our family as we all learn Tok Pisin together!



Books to Read!

A fascinating read about Papua New Guinea is “The Peace Child” by Don Richardson. It shows the incredible difference

Christ makes in a society. It also shows how every culture has a built-in redemptive quality that allows them to respond to Christ – even if it takes a missionary a long

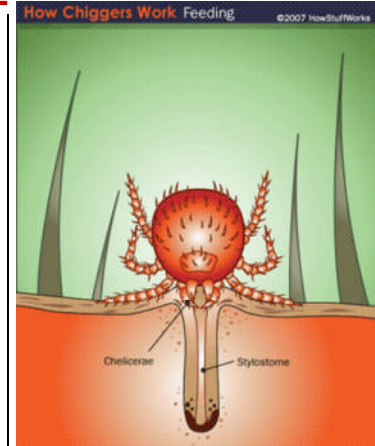
time to identify it! Also, “Mere Christianity” by C. S. Lewis. It’s “deep,” and thought provoking! And don’t forget this year’s missionary books!

Travels and Travails

Did you know that Chiggers are one 150th of an inch long? Did you know that you do NOT cover the bites with nail polish? Who would have known that they actually prefer reptiles to people – and that is why their bites hurt so much and that the 10 days of itching is not because their body is in your skin, but actually the little straw they left in you when you scratched them the first time and killed them!

Yes, Dave got chiggers in Missouri, but he has (almost) recovered! (Oh, also wash your clothes in water *hotter* than 125 degrees to kill chiggers, or you will get more bites along the elastic next time you wear them!)

That was just one of the many joys we encountered on our big trip out to the Midwest. In fact, every other thing we did was more pleasant! Except Anna and the pastor's son at Family Life in Cabot both got stung by wasps when they "played the drums" on the bushes outside! (I think Anna will steer more towards strings in the future! ☺) But the people we met on our trip and the many friends we saw even made the chiggers worth it! We made some amazing new friends in Carthage, Nevada, and Spokane while being given the privilege to update our prayer partners in Beebe, Cabot, Lee's Summit, Cozad, and Green River. Our family has been truly blessed to have this time to do



this, and we know that with your prayers we are ready for the big move to Papua New Guinea in September. And, the chiggers in the South Pacific do not even hurt! (But they do carry disease! – trade offs!)

Responding to God's Call

What a blessing it has been to see God's Kingdom growing! Over these past two months we have been able to see different people feel called into full time mission work. Once someone even felt a glowing hot feeling – and we felt bad that someone had to suffer so long because we were talking so long! We have seen others, like Dr. Lyons from Northwest Nazarene University just walk up and say "If you need a Greek teacher in PNG just let me know when you need me and I will be there!"

Wow! So those of you who have been silently smiling

because Dave had to teach Greek and Hebrew, please note that God has provided! ☺ For those of you who have been praying earnestly for teachers that would be qualified for the job, praise our God that He has provided them! Now please pray for logistics and that everything can be worked out! It looks like the Hebrew teacher may come in January – February, and the Greek teacher in May – August. Needless to say, Dave is very excited!

Dave got to be part of a Pre-teen camp on the NW Ohio District as well! Missy Sipes did an incredible job pulling that whole

camp together, and if you want a cool video I shot while there go to www.ourkerrfamily.com/interestinglinks.php!

At this camp it was neat to see people excited about God and growing in holiness. God's Spirit is at work amongst our youth, and may it always be so!



Update on Melanesia Nazarene Bible College!



This is our new house at MNBC! You cannot see the water tank on the outside, but they are planning to put in another one since our family is bigger than the last residents of the house. Marsha McCoy, Gail Dooley, Judy Bennett, and even our boss, Dr. Geneva Silvernail have

helped to make this place clean and ready for us when we (finally) get there!

As for the college itself, I have been able to help with some online classes already, and have met pastor Peter Kui who is the Academic Dean and a wonderful man. We are hoping that our girls will become good friends with his children soon!

My first jobs are to learn Tok Pisin and to install a functional network at the College. Internet is terrible there (124K download and 64K upload via satellite at a cost I will not even write down because it is so bad!) Please be in prayer that other solutions would be found there. The

entire campus shares this teeny connection!

Please also pray for the new Teacher's College that shares the campus with the Bible College. The Bible College is providing the theological training for the Teacher's College students. Graduates from this program are guaranteed lifetime employment from the PNG government, so we are so excited to see how God can use this to build His Kingdom across PNG. Thanks for being involved!
www.MNBC.Asia/support.html

Looking for HELP!

We are looking for a good way to get items from USA to Mt. Hagen, PNG that is not so expensive! DHL charges \$235 for an 18x18x12 inch container that weighs 15 pounds. There is networking equipment I would like to buy, and there are MANY other resources that would be useful in PNG that may need to stay in the US because it is so costly to send them. Todd Winter in Medford, Oregon has been of

GREAT help, but he is now backed up with shipping projects from now through 2011! He ships 3 containers per year out of his personal funds or funds donated by others (see www.NazareneHospitalFoundation.org for more information on how to help).

A container costs at least \$6,000, and the price keeps going up. We could have 25 more needed exam tables in PNG if we only had room and the ability to

get them into a container bound for Kudjip. Please be in prayer for more partners in this process. Also, 3 Work and Witness teams backed out of coming this year citing the financial crisis here in the states. LOTS of projects were left undone because of this. Do you want to come? ☺

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital

The US ambassador to PNG came to visit the hospital. This



was a great time of sharing what God has been doing through the work of the mission in the highlands of PNG.

We have received a nice and detailed list of things that are needed at the hospital in Kudjip where Rosie will be working. Unfortunately, their really awesome hydroelectric dam has been damaged and needs repair!

Also the X-Ray machine in the old hospital cannot be moved to the new hospital because of how old it is – so we really need a new one! Baby clothes are also a HUGE need! Please see the last page of this newsletter for needs.

How are the Girls Doing?

It just feels like yesterday that we were celebrating that Grace had graduated from Kindergarten from Rainbow Christian Academy in Miami! Now we are back into the home school routine again! The Missionary Kid school in Kudjip, PNG started up on August 3rd. We have ordered an extra set of the curriculum so we can keep Grace up to speed. Let us know if you want to buy some 1st grade home school curriculum.

Anna has been able to read and write her whole alphabet and is reading simple words now. It has been a wonderful experience to see her progress too!

We know that so many people are praying for our family because of the

miraculous way that Grace and Anna have maintained their happy and cooperative attitudes despite all we have put them through! They have sat through hours and hours of meetings at restaurants and churches and hours in the car and they still are well behaved. Thanks to all who have put them on your special prayer list – we are very grateful. Please pray for them as they adjust to going to school and childcare in a foreign land after being around their parents nonstop for nine months!

It has been great fun to get to know so many wonderful Christian people in our travels. Grace and Anna are like little sponges when people talk about their jobs and make it interesting to them. See

Grace's report about an organic farm online at <http://ourkerrfamily.com/otherresources.php>.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers!



Needs:

Scholarships for faculty	\$4,000 each gets a full Master's degree!
Laptops for faculty	\$1,500
Scholarships for students	\$5,000 (\$500 per student)
Refrigerators for faculty	\$425 x 10
Textbooks	\$25 x 100



Building Projects:

Preschool Classrooms	\$30,000
Administration Building	\$90,000
Men's Dorm	\$90,000
Conference Building	\$80,000
Faculty Housing	\$40,000



Volunteers Welcomed!

Teachers with Master and Doctoral degrees needed
 Librarian
 Maintenance Manager

If donating please make the check out to: General Treasurer
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