



## Pornography in PNG!

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It is amazing what you can do with a projection unit, a dry kunai house, a laptop and a generator. You can lead hundreds to Christ with the Jesus Film, or you can leads hundreds to hell with pornography. District Assemblies were this last month in PNG.

During the Hagen District Assembly I was able to sit next to the man who has taken over one of the churches that the BTh class planted last year. This was one of those church pants that was really tough, as there was great opposition to it. Leading the opposition was a man that owned a pornography house (hauspiksa), and he threatened our church planter, Isaac Wai. Isaac stuck it out, realizing that this was a spiritual battle, and we have some praises to report now!



That man tore down his hauspiksa and moved it a rather long way from the church, as he said the church would mess up his business. Then that man's wife and children began

attending the church! Today all three children are signed up for the next baptism at the church!! And, a few weeks ago that man himself sold all of his equipment and began regularly attending church and last week gave his life to Jesus!! I do not care how many people oppose Jesus or wonder if He really is the answer, when you see lives completely transformed, and people making genuine commitments and treating their wives better and their kids better and their communities better, you realize that He is not just worthy of our praise, He is worthy of our getting out and talking to receptive people about Him! (Or unreceptive people's wives and children first! 😊) Do you know someone that probably has never heard the real story about Jesus dying for their sins and that they can be totally changed by Him? Some people are actually looking for that change, why not at least give them the chance to change now? We will pray for you if you pray for us! 😊

## Exciting Things To Pray About!

1. Combined Teacher's College. Bible College, Nursing College and Hospital internship and commissioning project. Pray that the right people will be formed into good teams that can be sent together into remote areas and start new works!
2. Work and Witness Team coming to the Bible College in May.
3. Another couple from Nampa, ID coming in May.
4. Master's degree students getting courses in April and May.
5. A Greek teacher for Greek 1! 😊
6. Rosie taking Dr. Andy Bennett's foot-straightening ministry while he is in the US on home assignment.
7. Current class research project trying to determine PNG membership growth and project it through 2016.
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## Needs to Pray About!

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Student scholarships and ability to find school fees.</li><li>2. Pray that we can get back the government's promised tax refunds for the past three years. This would be a great blessing this year.</li><li>3. Pray that we will get back \$4,000 that we gave to a</li></ol> | <p>now defunct well drilling company! Our Treasurer actually ran into that guy on a visit and the guy said he would try to send that money back! This would be a true miracle – and one that we need!</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Dave and Rosie's deputation schedule to fill up (Jan – April 2012).</li><li>5. Church of the Nazarene missions giving. The church raised 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their need for missions.</li></ol> |
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## It was the Best of Times...It Was the Worst of Times...

Wow, with an introduction like that I think I should write a book! Maybe a "Tale of Two Colleges" or something like that! ☺ OK, in all seriousness, some of you have been faithfully praying for an unspoken really big problem that has existed here at the Bible College since we have been here.

I would like to announce today that at least ¾ of that mess has been totally cleaned up, and that emotions and good will at the College has taken a radically different course! We had highly influential people that could not find a way to come to terms with both the past and the present, and things had been downright messy. Your prayers and the prayers of many nationals are being answered even now!

Today we had those leaders who are still left here actually playing Rugby and soccer together, and the students here on campus are not only interacting with one another the way good Christians are supposed to, but there is even a push now to form a committee that can coordinate partnerships between students feeling called to specific ministries (Teaching, Pastoral, and Nursing) so that when they graduate we can send teams to strategically grow the church in remote locations! (By the way,

unlike "urbanized" western countries Papua New Guinea still has 80% of it's population in remote locations, so this push is actually very appropriate!)

I am not sure if you can feel the relief and excitement that I am trying to express here, but let me tell you that after three years of Satan seeming to get his way at every turn, Jesus is pushing back, and is pushing hard! Could you please be praying for this partnership idea? It is coming under attack right now in the form of some disorganization and delegation to some who do not understand the original vision. This can be easily righted, and especially if you will bless it with your prayers! Thank you!

Oh yeah, "The Worst of Times" part. This last two months have been an emotional roller coaster for our family. When great things are happening on one front it seems like some things fall apart on other fronts. The three big ones for me is that the Bible College has such a tremendous financial need, one of my national friends here in PNG is considering a divorce (this man has planted 14 churches and commands the respect of many Papua New Guineans. He has already sent his wife away, and the situation is a

total mess. Only God can heal this and bring it back together, and I still believe God can do this here.

So, if you could pray for this good friend of mine I would appreciate it!). To complete the triangle of trouble Mom and Dad Kerr and brothers have also been going through a very troublesome time back in the States, and so all of these things combined have caused some emotional turmoil on this side of the planet too. It is hard to truly rejoice in wonderful things happening around you when there is so much trouble as well. However, God calls upon us to recognize these things and still thank Him that He can work in the midst of these things. And really, isn't that what Jesus did for us, changed all the bad into good? So, we believe that He is still in that business, and trust in Him and can thank Him even in the midst of these struggles. Another thing that keeps us going daily is knowing that there are such wonderful friends behind us and expecting great things from their prayers. Your prayers are working, and things are really moving in wonderful directions for the ministry here in PNG! Your prayers are powerful and effective!

## MNBC Update ~ Enrollment etc.!

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I cannot thank you enough for those who write and said that you were praying about our situation here. It was dire, and still is actually. Sorry I did not get back to you sooner, but I really did not know how we were doing, and neither did the Treasurer here until last week!

During registration we were expecting 72 paying units to come to school. This includes singles or married couples since we only charge \$30 per year for a spouse! That's a good deal by the way for any of you interested in a Bible College education! ☺ We enrolled 17 during registration week, and it looked as if we could not even open the doors of the College!

Then you began praying, and leadership felt God saying "if

they can breath, let them in!" ☺ So, the Registrar enrolled a bunch of people on faith, and today we have 102 students, of which four have paid for the entire year like they were supposed to (\$700 for an entire school year). But, at least 30 have paid for the first trimester, so we have given all the teachers pay cuts (again! ☹), laid off some workers and did not replace two others who left, and we are squeaking through this trimester. Unfortunately this is not helping with our water well project, our electrical wiring issues, or helping us fund this year's internship program that helped lead over 600 people to faith last year, but at least we are able to still train pastors!

Our budget says we can stay open through June 3<sup>rd</sup> now, so that is a big praise. The sad thing is that many students may be sent home this next week since they did not complete this trimester's school fees. Others will be going home over the break to try to find next trimester's fees, so could you please be in prayer for them? It is very hard in PNG to raise funds for Bible College because their relatives know that they will not be on the government roll if they choose that profession. Thus they are likely not to be able to contribute back to their local place large sums of money. Your prayers against discouragement and that God's will would be done would be wonderful!

## Science Class

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If you want to wrinkle a PNG pastor's nose, say that you would like to teach him Science! Here in PNG the Australian government has funded most of the curriculum, and the Australian government is incredibly secular. The curriculum teaches straight evolution, and even our PNG pastors do not know anything else. Needless to say, when I began my Science course with the Bachelor's of Theology group this year there was apprehension in the air! It turned out to be a wonderful class where the students learned about germs, looked through a microscope for the first time, and learned about

the miracle workings of the human body. The class was based on learning the different systems in the body, what could go wrong, and how to respond to it so that pastors in remote areas could be a great benefit to the local people.

For example, last year a man in Kudjip died and his relatives blamed the obvious heart attack on witchcraft and tortured both the man's wife and his brother! This witchcraft stuff (called "Sanguma" here) is becoming more prevalent, and even in the church people treat the topic very gingerly, not knowing the full power of Jesus in the lives of those who

believe. Please be in prayer as Dave preaches about that in the Highlands churches he is invited to preach in.

The class went very well, with many positive comments about how much the class could help them in their practical ministry. Rosie even got to come as a guest lecturer on the circulatory system while Dave went to a District Assembly in Southern Highlands. Every time I teach this Science course I realize how awesome it is that all of the systems fit together and must work properly in order to survive and be healthy. God is truly a miracle working God!

## Nazarene Hospital Update

Rosie is preaching tomorrow, so she will not be writing an article for this Newsletter, but I would like to ask prayer for some exciting things going on there. There is a brand new X-Ray machine that some of you gave money towards, and the technicians who know how to install it are busy even now making that monster ready to work! Also, a group is here to make the backup generator work, so that a big generator (which some of you likely gave

money towards as well!) can be attached to the system. It is a three way system so that when the hydro project gets underway it can be attached into the electric system at the hospital as well. All of this activity has really messed up the roads at the hospital, as lots of digging has been taking place in order to lay more cables, but the excitement is way up!

To put frosting on the cake, some new couples have arrived

as volunteer missionaries, and their services (lab tech, admin, technology, ??) will be a huge boost to ministry in Kudjip. Also, one of the families has a girl that is just a bit older than Anna, so that will be fun as well!

If you want to find out about the people Rosie works with on a daily basis go to <http://oceanianazarene.org/> and click on "our team."

## Anna and Grace Update!



Grace turns 8 tomorrow (Sunday)! She is very excited. She has some teeth missing, some coming in, and is doing well in school, is a real bookworm, and is working hard on multiplication. Tomorrow Rosie will preach at a children's dedication service, and then we will try to go to Mt. Hagen to celebrate Grace's birthday. If that does not work we will try Monday afternoon. There is a hotel in Hagen that has a swimming pool (a really cold one), and they serve pizza too! Grace likes that, and for some reason kids do not seem to mind the cold like adults do. Why is that?



She is excited that our Guinea Pig family has now grown to 5, but finds that the amount they are eating is rather a lot. Our garden used to have a lot of green leaves, and now it likes like scotched earth!



I am going to cut a hole in the bottom of the cage and see if they will cut the grass in our yard for us. Hopefully I will not kill off the grass in this manner!

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Anna is enjoying being six. Within the last three weeks she has written her first full-scale notes to mommy and daddy, and the phonetic spelling is very well done, and very fun to look at! She thinks she wants to be an artist when she grows up, so mommy is encouraging that while daddy says be an artist and .... A doctor or something! ☺ Anna is doing better at learning Tok Pisin, and enjoys being around people. She is now reading as well, which is exciting for mommy and daddy.



We walk into the living room and the girls are both actively reading, and Anna feels free to ask Grace for definitions or pronunciations for various words, and Grace is a good teacher!

Grace and Anna play together extraordinarily well,

and are learning how to clean the dishes, wash their eating place, and do other jobs around the house. They enjoy Candy Land game, we played Life and Grace said she just “enjoyed winning” (must have gotten that from her mother’s side!), and their favorite is a game Granny gave us called “Dread Pirate” which is definitely the coolest looking game I have ever played. So, you will have to visit us here and take the Dread Pirate challenge to beat “Pirate Pipsqueak” (a.k.a. Anna!) at her

favorite game! We also are learning Chinese Checkers, but the idea of multiple jumps and the need thereof is still elusive.

A highlight for them has been a gift package from Tennessee, and one from Richard Schuster that had some US videos. They say thanks very much, and so do we! The re-runs from the collection we brought to PNG were starting to wear on dad and mom!

The girls say “hi” to everyone! 😊.

## Newsflash!

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I have just tested out a new website that the Nazarene Church has created for missionaries where people can give online instead of using the cumbersome send-a-check method. My Cousin-in-law has been asking me to do something like this for a while now, and I am happy to say that it is here, and it works too! I will get an almost immediate e-mail saying when someone has donated, so now if you do not get a thank you letter it truly is my fault! Well, it was the other way too, but we are never (or rarely) notified when a donation comes in, so I have to use our cumbersome Internet to open rather large spreadsheet files and then dig through to find any new donations, and then try to look up contact information. It works, but it often comes with a two month delay! 😊 Well, it looks like progress has finally arrived, and I think the site looks nice too! Now, be warned, you can also browse other missionary projects from this site, and if some other missionaries have more beautiful children than we do you may be enticed to give to them as well, so you are warned! 😊 Anyway, the official Nazarene online giving for Deputation site is:

<http://web.nazarene.org/goto/Kerrs>

From here you can also select a Nazarene Church that you would like 10% giving credit to go towards, so that will make your local pastor / NMI team happier, and there are other options you can select as well. It is all really straight forward, and I think whoever put the time in to make this site did a great job of it!

OK, “amamasim yu yet!” (Enjoy yourself!)