



Please pray for **Our Kerr Family**
Your missionaries to Papua New Guinea

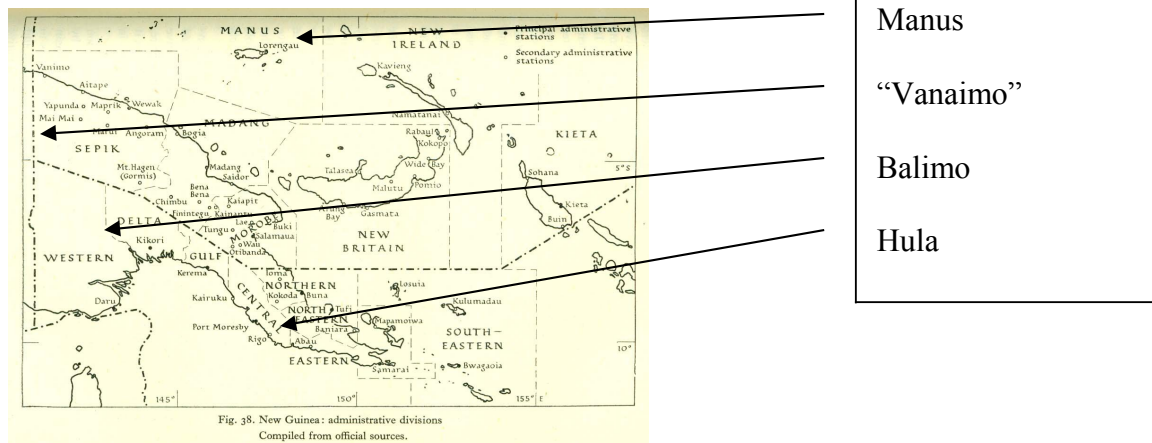
Declare His glory among
the nations, His marvelous deeds
among the people! *Psalms 96:3*

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Greetings from PNG!

We are staying the weekend at Kudjip and I thought I would try sending this email while here. Thanks for any of you who support the Nazarene Hospital, as they are allowing us free access to Internet when we come visit. VERY nice! ☺

Since I do not have lots of time this will be kind of informal, but I just wanted you to know that things are still happening here, and your prayers are HUGELY appreciated!



Exciting Things to Pray About:

1. Church Plant in Balimo: Some of you have been praying actively for relationships between the Bible College, Teacher College and Nursing College, and greater cooperation between them. A very exciting development is that a Teacher' College teacher, Mali Danege, has asked the Bible College to send a team of church planters to his home village in Western Province. This will be the first Nazarene Church in the whole province! This place is swampy, and the only way to travel between villages is by boat / canoe / dinghy. The three students going to this place are named Gabriel, Vernon, and Isaac. Thank you for your prayers! They leave on August 3rd and will be there for 9 weeks total. It is in south-west PNG.
2. Church Plant in Hula: This is a place down closer to the capitol city of Port Moresby. As some of you know, there are no roads between Moresby and the Highlands, so our church growth there has been limited. We have been praying that the Lord would open doors to greater ministry to the city area, and this church plant seems to be an answer towards that prayer. If this one goes there will be a stronger base for city missions. Also, the place where this church will be started has no other churches in the vicinity, so it is an exciting opportunity to bring God's changes to a whole community known for it's warriors. To find this place find Port Moresby and then follow the coast East for a ways. Chris and Grace Vuivagi and Anita Wasali are leading this team. Wasun will be following close behind.

3. Church Plant in “Vanaimo.” This really is not in Vanaimo, but rather on a border town with Indonesia. Please be in special prayer for this team as they may have to cross the border, go south, and cross back over the border to actually get access to this location. This church could be a very important church in ministry to the people of this area. That is all I can probably say here, but we would REALLY like your prayers! Thanks! John and Basil are leading this team. Rocky and another Diploma student will follow them in.
4. Church Plant in Manus Island: The Nazarene Church has no work on this island, and every Papua New Guinean that hears of this project gets really excited and blessed. We hope to get three churches started in a short period of time in each of these locations, as some studies show that a few churches in proximity will have more rapid growth than one church trying to get really big. We’ll see, and appreciate your prayers! To find this island, find Mount Hagen and then go North to the coast and then keep going north about 200 km into the sea. Aiga and Moses with Peter are leading this team.

If you feel like the Holy Spirit is asking you to support these church planting teams financially (plane tickets, building materials, building tools, Jesus Film equipment, scholarships for the students leaving everything behind for these remote places, etc.) please contact me at dave@ourkerrfamily.com and we can make sure the money gets to the right accounts!

Please be praying for inter-ministry cooperation in building a set of tools for church growth in PNG. There is a plan to grow six times the current size of membership, and there is a real excitement about moving forward with this vision. Currently the Bible College and some other ministries have had meetings to move forward on assembling tools for local pastors to do evangelism, discipleship training and membership classes to help support this vision.

The recent Work and Witness team was a tremendous boost in the arm for the Bible College and our family! Gary and Nancy Newcomer, whom we met in Pennsylvania, came with enough goodies for our children to endear them for life! The kids have not had much grandparent influence for a year now, and with the arrival of the Newcomers all that changed! As missionaries we were a little uncomfortable with all the blessings being bestowed upon us, but as parents we were very blessed that someone would take all that time to plan such great blessings for our kids! The work they did on the men’s dorm was very nice work, and the bunk beds and closets are just being finished and ready to move in. This will allow us to provide a LOT more housing space for singles on campus, and is a great blessing.

Those of you praying for the Murray’s and their trip to PNG can be pleased to know that their work is still being carried on as well. Myron started computer classes and Joan started an English club here on campus. Myron brought so much computer stuff that these classes are necessary just to make sure it all gets used properly. The students are VERY excited about all of this, and thus having them was another wonderful “shot of enthusiasm” on campus. These kinds of things are priceless for a place like PNG where a lot of times the people feel they are just on the fringes of the church and not really a full function part of the International Church. When people from other countries come here the people of PNG are blessed out of their socks (if they are wearing any!) that people would come from so far away to bring a blessing to them. Travel is viewed as pretty dangerous around here, so that you survived such a long journey adds to the blessing and feeling that God really had a message of encouragement He wanted to send! Myron and Joan were just that. They also might have

added an inch to my waistline, as Joan's gift of hospitality led her to have us over to their house quite often while they are here. Since we have no restaurants within 40 minutes of our house, we were spoiled – and now going through withdrawal! (Myron and Joan, if you are reading this, thanks so much for spending your Anniversary in PNG! Your sacrifice and willingness to serve was an example, and a great blessing!) For those of you who read our last newsletter, this was the couple we talked about on prayer point number 3, and thanks for your prayers!!

Our Mater's program continues, though we had a little hiccup with our May classes as one teacher needed to go home early. This puts the class' graduation into some question, though a former missionary here, Neville Bartle, has been asked to come back and teach this course. The students are excited that he has accepted, and since the class deals with cultural issues, it should be very applicable. If you want to come be part of learning about the problematic issues of PNG culture come enroll in the course! It starts mid-September and goes through the first of October. If you cannot come, please pray that the Holy Spirit would give some really great ideas to this group and help them to influence many with the Spirit-led plans coming out of this time.

Point number 5 talked about a Greek teacher. I am not sure if you all just thought I was qualified, or if you wanted to play a joke on me, but this prayer was not answered! I ended up teaching Greek 1, and it went alright – to my surprise! The real blessing came in a Greek 2 teacher from Australia. He is with another mission called CMS-Australia, and he had a wonderful spirit and set a good example for our students here in the BTh program. He also was able to show them how Greek can be a practical skill pastors can use frequently, and was in general a great blessing! Thanks for your prayers – now we should start praying for Greek teachers for next year! ☺

Number 6: Dr. Bennett has returned, and the club-foot ministry Andy started has expanded and the two have decided that they both can work together to continue this. It is really amazing to hear the stories of casting and straightening and how much this will change these children's lives! Please pray for continued opportunity to lead people to Christ as well! Last week Rosie was able to lead a young lady to Christ. Her mother was there, and she started crying when her daughter accepted Jesus as her savior. The mother had been praying for years that this might happen. You never know when you will be the answer to someone's prayers, so never avoid talking about the story of Jesus, and giving an opportunity for people to believe in Him! Thanks for your prayers for the hospital ministry and the work done through missionaries and nationals there.

Number 7 was prayer for research! This class was a great blessing to the PNG church, and your prayers carried our work all the way to a Pastors Conference held once every four years. It was used to encourage PNG pastors that their vision for 100,000 members by 2016 was certainly possible, and if the Holy Spirit leads, we will make it! It seems kind of funny to pray for research, but in a place where ideas are great but follow up is poor, doing research to see how things are going can be almost transformative! A lot of people have been encouraged, and I want to thank you for your prayers!

Hmmm, we had lots of prayer requests didn't we? ☺ Student scholarships are still needed. If you give to our deputation account and then let me know how much you want for student scholarships I will make sure it gets to that account. Thanks, and keep praying!

We actually did get some of the money back from the government!! This is a big change! Keep praying and hopefully we can get the other half too!!

For those of you praying about the well drilling money, we got an assurance that they would pay it back. This means very little here, but it is an acknowledgement anyway that there was some wrong doing. We think it is a very positive step forward, and with prayer and work, we believe we will get this money back as well!

Dave and Rosie's deputation schedule: if you want to have a Missions party during the week some time we would love to get together and share all kinds of stories with you about the great things God is up to in PNG. Maybe we can share some food with you too? Of course, the beetle grubs are illegal to bring back, and so are the banana spiders, but I am sure we could find something around! ☺ Anyway, our schedule for Sunday's is kind of full, but we would really like to have some missions parties with anyone of any age that is interested in missions, so if you would like to organize one, send me an email: dave@ourkerrfamily.com. And see ya in a couple of months!

Number 5 was about missions giving to the General Church through a special offering. I have no updates on that one. I just know that God has blessed our church through the concept of WEF, and I hope that your churches support it fully. I am a firm believer in long-term missions work done through strategic planning, and our church is seen as one of the best in that area. It would be a shame to see that diminish.

On our last Newsletter I introduced you to a new site where you can give online. It works pretty well, and if you are interested in making sure your money gets to the place where the Holy Spirit has led you, just write to me and let me know what you are thinking. Official rules state that a donor cannot actually designate where their money goes, but the things I have listed here are already recognized needs on the field, so giving towards these are already "pre-approved" and pretty easy to get to the right places. Thanks for your prayers, and thanks for considering other support too! Oh, the address is: <http://web.nazarene.org/goto/Kerrs>

Grace and Anna are doing very well. They are doing Science and History "home-school" with Rosie as their teacher for the summer. Rosie is hoping that if we get ahead in these two subjects then when we come back on vacation there will not be as much work for them to do while we travel around – smart huh? The girls are loving it, and I think the mommy time is really good for them right now. Grace is reading a lot. Anna is also reading now, and doing a great job! They are learning about rocks and planets in Science, and Discovery and pioneer times in history. (Dad having been a US History teacher is liking these topics too! ☺)