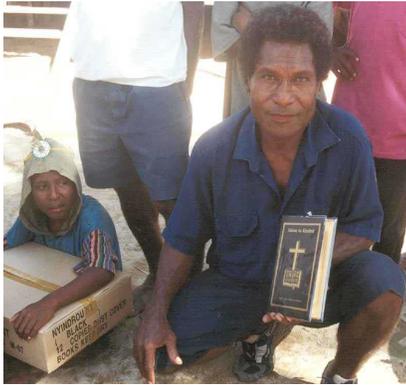


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them. The reason for that is that when you concentrate on the obstacle, that is where you drive, and you hit it. When you concentrate on the path around the obstacle, that is where you drive. You know, he was right! It isn't like you don't see the obstacles, but they are relegated to your peripheral vision. Where you focus is where you go.

We choose to concentrate our focus on Jesus Christ, because He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. (John 14:6)

God has indeed saved us from many kinds of trouble, lately. Glory be to Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Changes... in Progress

For some years we have thought about adopting a foreign infant, but because of circumstances, we didn't take action. The desire was still there, but seeing that we were already making so many CHANGES in our family, we thought it best to wait it out and see. WELL... we have the opportunity to adopt an Asian infant (between 9-20 months) through the Inter-Country Adoption Board of the Republic of the Philippines, and we believe that the Lord is giving us a “green light” to apply. The Papua New Guinea government is the mediator between us and the Philippine agency. We have started filling out the paperwork. Once it is sent off, we will have to wait and see if

Don't Hit the Pylon!

In prayer a few weeks ago, I asked God for some help in dealing with some obstacles that were in our way. He answered with an analogy from motorcycle riding lessons. When riding through a slalom course made of pylons, the instructor told us repeatedly not to look at the pylons, but at the path around

we are accepted as an adoption family. If we are accepted then they will try to find a match for us through a host of adoption agencies in the Philippines. When the time comes that we have a match, we will travel to the Philippines and pick-up our new daughter! As you can imagine, this will be an adjustment for our whole family. The boys have been in on this from the start and are thrilled at the prospect of a little sister. We *estimate* that this process will take something between nine months and two years (hopefully sooner rather than later).



Turtle — its what's for dinner. One culture's protected species has been another culture's traditional food for centuries. Turtles are kept alive (but upside down so they can't escape) to keep the meat fresh until they are cooked, since there is no refrigeration in this village.

Prayer Requests

- ▶ Effectiveness in ministry (Eph. 6:18-20)
- ▶ Health for our whole family (1 Pet. 2:24)
- ▶ Protection from any evil (Ps. 91)
- ▶ Divine favor in the adoption process (Prov. 11:27)
- ▶ Provision for all our needs, including housing & transportation (Ps. 35:27)
- ▶ Blessings on all our partners (Gal. 3:13-14)

Kid's Column

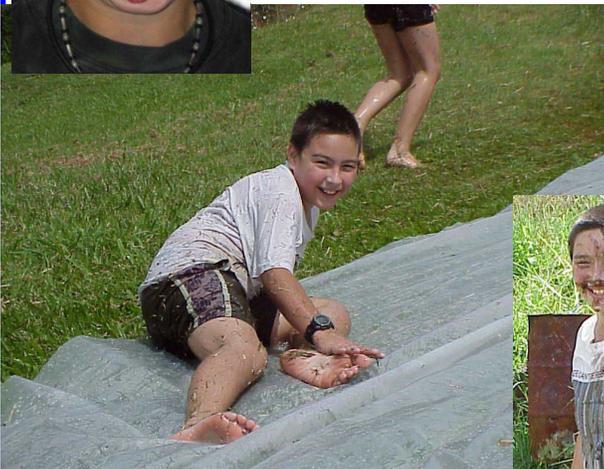
By Nate, Ben, and Evan



Friday night dinner at the Teen Centre. This is our “fast food restaurant” here in Ukarumpa. Occasionally we get a shipment of American ‘soda pop’ to go with our hamburger and fries.



Ben practicing a Maori friendly greeting. This is polite in New Zealand, believe it or not.



A sheet of plastic, a little soap, and some water combine to make a fun (if somewhat muddy) slide.



Lori has aspirations of writing a book called *Toilets Around the World*. This sea toilet, on the coast of Manus Island, has got to be one of the most unique we have encountered. Unlike the nearby lady’s sea toilet, which is constructed from 100% natural bush materials, this men’s sea toilet uses iron from a rusted-out water tank to keep the rain out. Good balancing skills are a prerequisite to using this toilet, especially when it is raining and/or dark. Grab some leaves on the way out. Flushing is automatic, harnessing wave and tide energy for its operation.

Home, Sweet Home

It is good to be home in Ukarumpa, again, after a productive WordWorks software developers’ conference in Dallas this September. I was able to see a few of you on this quick trip, although there is no way I could see everyone in just the few extra days I had in the USA. We are looking forward to a slightly longer trip to the USA next June with the whole family, and hope to see more of you, then.

We have an opportunity to possibly buy a house in Ukarumpa. Please pray that we would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit in making this decision.

Thank you very much for your prayers, support, and encouragement. It is our sincere prayer that God would bless you greatly and credit you with whatever fruit we produce for the Kingdom of God — and God’s Word always bears fruit. (Isaiah 55:11)

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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