

# Michael & Lori Johnson Family

The Great Commission is our Mission!



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God has called our whole family to the mission field, and has given each family member the grace to be in their place. God's grace: don't leave home without it!

## It's all about God!

*by Michael*

A while ago, the Lord shared with me why He likes us to work together with Him to bring His salvation to the world. He wants those whom He loves to share in what is most important to Him. Obviously, the Great Commission and the Great Commandment are important to Him. God loves people. I love seeing what God does in people's lives!



Let me brag about God for a while. Portrayed above is a photo from a traditional dance that tells a story about what life was like before the Gospel reached these precious Numanggang people. The dance tells the story of winning a war, coming home in victory, then cooking and eating the bodies of the fallen enemies. They don't do that any more, but there is still sin to be taken away. Thank God this isn't the end of the story! The Good News of Jesus did come to these people.

Many put their faith in Jesus Christ. They wanted to learn more about Him. Unfortunately, the only Bibles available to them were written in languages other than their own heart language: English, Melanesian Pidgin, and the language of a group of people near the coast.



Some of the Numanggang people learned one or more of these languages, but not always well enough to fully understand the riches of revelation in God's Word. They prayed, and the Lord sent David and Yohana Hynum, who spent 27 years of their lives, along with Isum and Saleng (pictured below) translating the New Testament and Psalms into Numanggang. It is a pleasure to work with people like them to help them finish the task of getting the Word of God into the hands and hearts of people in their own language.



## Kids' Column

*President—Nate; Editor and artist—Ben;  
Water Boy and idealist—Evan; Cute girl—Rachel*  
Introducing Rachel!



◀Hello! I'm Rachel. I used to live in this orphanage nursery in Cebu City, Philippines, along with lots of other babies. That is me, resting my head on my friend's leg.

My big brothers give me lots of attention. ▶

Since I got home to my new family, I grew 4 new teeth and started to walk.



Dad says I'm a miracle baby because of the way I came home and the way God healed me.

I can walk on water with a little help. ▶

Evan is a good race car driver. So is Ben. ▼



My first birthday was the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. I really like chocolate cake! ▶

Thanks for praying for us. I really like my new family!



## Countdown to America

America... what a blessed nation! Can you imagine living in a developing nation for almost all of 4½ years without seeing friends, family, watching broadcast TV, using broadband Internet or have cell phone service? The TV is no great loss, **but** as for friends and family... we can't wait to wrap our arms around you!

We've been living in Papua New Guinea since February 2002, with just one 3 week family trip to America since then. We plan to come back to America in June for about two years, and then return back to PNG. During that time Michael will be working together with Wycliffe Bible Translators on software development and going to school to work towards his Master's in Linguistics in Dallas. Lori needs to take 6 semester hours of college credit to renew her Teacher's certificate. Nate will start college in the Fall of 2006, and it is Ben's desire to finish his high school years in America.

Here are some prayer requests and opportunities for you to help us return to the USA:

- **PRAYER:** we have so many unknowns, like school plans for all three of the boys, financial obligations to be fully met, housing needs, ministry opportunities, and building a better prayer and financial base.
- **Lodging in Longmont, Colorado from July 1-July 12th.** Do you know someone who is going to be on vacation during that time or has a place big enough for our family to hang out for 12 days? Please e-mail or write us if you do!
- A **rental house** (furnished would be GREAT!) in **Longmont** from August 1- Dec. 30, then after that in the **Duncanville/South Dallas area**. It is our desire to live in Longmont for 5 months until we move to Dallas in Jan. 2007.
- **Travel funds for finalizing adoption for Rachel**, as well as a debt-free return to the USA. We will have to return to PNG within a year to go to PNG court to legally finalize the adoption of Rachel. Please pray for **full funding of the travel**, and for all of the **adoption and immigration paperwork** to go well and on time with all three governments.
- Wisdom and funding for **Nate's college plans**.
- **Effective and productive ministry**.
- Health, peace, and protection for our family.

Thank you! May God bless you!

*Michael & Lori Johnson*