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Flashback

by Michael & Lori

Six years ago, we arrived in Papua New Guinea, not knowing exactly what to expect, but knowing that the Lord had directed us here. PNG is often called "the land of the unexpected." We found that to be true. Our first night in PNG, we felt an earthquake that knocked a kerosene lamp off of its shelf. We also experienced the beauty of this blessed land and the hospitality of many people here. While here, we have had the privilege of serving the Lord in furthering the cause of Bible translation by:

- Teaching secondary school students—enabling Bible translators with children to stay on task
- Writing software to help Bible translators and to support Bible translation support activities
- Preaching and Bible teaching
- Friendship evangelism
- Leading Bible studies for nationals and MKs
- Fighting HIV/AIDS with education
- Showing God's love to Papua New Guineans

During this time, our family has faced many challenges, such as malaria, cultural and language barriers, security issues, etc., **but God always causes us to triumph in Christ Jesus.** Thank you for standing with us in this work.



Getting Around in PNG

by Michael

Thank you for praying and giving. We now have a used 4WD truck. We bought it with some insurance money from our car that was totalled in the USA while some other missionaries were using it and some extra donations.

It still needs some repairs, but it is getting us around on some pretty rugged roads, like the one in the picture on the right. With an 18% grade, lots of shade, lots of rain, and a clay road, this portion of the only road to Madang is a good one for testing your 4-wheel driving skills. On the day we took this picture, I didn't see any 2-wheel-drive vehicles get up the hill without being pushed or pulled.



Most places in Papua New Guinea don't have roads at all. Many Bible translation teams rely on light aircraft to get them in and out of their villages.



More

new DONATION ADDRESS

by Michael

My wonderful sister, Cheri, has been handling most of our donation processing in the USA on a "temporary" basis until we could find a more permanent solution. The Lord led us to World Outreach Ministries (<http://worldoutreach.org>), founded by Jason Peebles. They specialize in doing exactly what we needed to ensure that you get a proper tax deduction, and we get donated funds efficiently and safely applied to our ministry projects and personal support. Therefore, we would greatly appreciate it if you would send future donations to:

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Please mark the donation "Fund code #70" to make sure that the money gets routed to our ministry account. Please note that this change does not affect our work with Wycliffe Associates in Papua New Guinea, which remains the same.



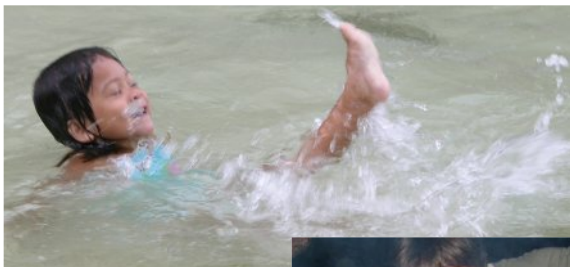
Kids' Column

Underwater photo by Ben

Nate, like many of you, has been dressed for Winter. The rest of our family are wearing shorts, T-shirts, and flip-flops. It is Summer break, here! Here are some pictures of things we have been doing during our 6-week school break. Ben took a trip to the coast with some of his classmates, where they lived without electricity, didn't wear watches, made a raft, and swam with the fish.



Rachel also likes to swim, bounce on a trampoline, swing, run, and be active.



Evan has done some camping out with friends, tubing down the Ba'e River, playing computer games, and painting our house.



God's Word changes lives!

Please Keep Praying

- ▶ For our partners to be blessed
- ▶ For timely completion of Rachel's adoption, citizenship, and visa paperwork
- ▶ For our ministry here to be effective
- ▶ For our family's spiritual and physical health
- ▶ For safety and protection for our family and our stuff
- ▶ For abundant provision, and
- ▶ For the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers into His harvest

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement! We love you! Please email us with any address changes, email address changes, personal news, prayer requests, or even just a friendly greeting. May God keep blessing you!

Jesus Christ is Lord!

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