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Serving the Churches in Papua New Guinea



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Dear Faithful Partners and Co-laborers,

Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Our heartfelt and sincere thanks for your continued partnership to reach the people of Papua New Guinea with the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. *“For we are labourers together with God” 1 Cor. 3:9a.* We have been laboring together for many years and our labor has brought forth much fruit to the glory of God!!

PNG BIBLE PROJECT

God constantly blesses the efforts of our distribution teams in giving out copies of the Word of God! As of the end of the 2018 school year in November, students and staff in all but nine of the 352 high schools have received their personal copy of the Bible. Phase 2 of the Project commenced last year also with students in many of the primary schools (grades 4-8) receiving Bibles. Phase 2 resumes when schools reopen in February of this year. More than \$2.3 million has been donated by God’s people to fund this project. To God be the Glory!!

HAVEN OF REST BAPTIST CHURCH

Many thanks for your prayers for the ministries of Haven of Rest. Pastor Thomas Kalai has settled in as national pastor and God is using him to minister to both the saved and unsaved. Souls have been coming to Christ regularly and the church is prospering. The church will be starting a new ministry this year along with the college and camp ministries. This new ministry will be a Christian day school. Last year, we briefly promoted the idea and early this year the church voted to start the school. It will have a small beginning with just two grades and then adding one grade each year. Our Christians as well as people in the community will benefit greatly from this new ministry. We know God will use it to meet not only the educational needs of the children but also the spiritual needs of their parents. We covet your prayers for the commencement of the day school in April of this year.

CAMP GARY 2018

Many thanks also for praying for the success of Camp Gary in December. Every year since the very first year in 2002, God has blessed the Camp with much fruit. This year a total of more than 50 kids came to know the Savior including 24 teenagers. Once again, our national staff did a wonderful job under the leadership of the camp’s new camp director, Preacher Charlie Hangiri. Charlie is also the Bible distribution manager for Morobe and Oro Provinces.

LAE BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

The college just commenced its 37th academic year training men for the ministry. Nine preachers have enrolled in the college this year. The college is staffed and led by men who are all nationals and who are also former graduates of the college. Thank you for praying for this vital ministry. Many preachers who have graduated from this school are currently serving full-time as pastors and evangelists throughout the country.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

On February 25, I will be having my other hip replacement surgery. It started failing about two years ago but due to ministry commitments, we were not able to schedule the replacement until this year. My other hip was replaced just six years ago this month. We greatly appreciate your prayers for this operation and a full and speedy recovery.

As always, we are grateful for your many prayers, your faithful financial support, and your cards of encouragement we have received in the mail. May God continue His blessings on each of you for your faithfulness!

Yours for souls in PNG,

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