

2018 starts with a flurry



It is a privilege to serve the Lord; especially when you know that what you are doing is impacting what the Lord is doing here in this country. The Gospel has gone out and continues to be presented to different people groups around the country of PNG. While this is exciting it isn't without challenges. We have known for years now that if you serve the Lord that you need to stay prayed up and hold on tight...to the Father.

We started this month with some very encouraging news from Malaumanda. They had a great December as they celebrated Christmas and also had a course that was focused on encouraging and discipling the teenage boys in the community. There were about 25 boys that attended. Our co-workers were just in there and let us know that they are planning a course for the young ladies as well.

That being said, we would still like you to pray that the Deacons would learn to function more as they should. They are still dealing with some of the same issues that I addressed last Fall. Their oversight of church finances in particular seems to be an issue. We would also ask you to pray for **Alen** and **Kosaliya**. As you may remember we asked Alen to step down from leadership to help address some needs in his wife's life. Our goal was to engage in both of their lives but it seems that Alen and Kosaliya have been staying away from the village for long periods of time. He was supposed to come back to spend some time with John and Christina but never made it.

We would also like prayer for the department that I manage. We just heard a week or so ago that one of my co-workers that left on Home Assignment last June will not be returning to the ministry in PNG. It will be a big loss as we miss his skills in the joinery and in managing bigger projects.

Could you please pray that the Lord will raise up some skilled individuals who will join us here at Lapilo. Pray also that I will have the grace and wisdom to keep a proper perspective in the midst of a trying work load.

We want to thank each of you for your prayers. They are both necessary and appreciated. The Lord continues to give us wide open doors to minister in this country.



Judith and I. The picture at the top is of Daniel's 12th birthday party.

They never stop growing; especially the one in the middle.

Blessings,
Eric and Judith,
Stephen, Daniel and Timothy