



remote location. For those of you who follow PNG related news, this spot was very close to where the 7.6 magnitude earthquake was that hit earlier in the month. We had a 6.5 earthquake while I was in there. Felt like I was back home in California.

This was my third opportunity to spend time with the Maliyali team and everything went great. As their consultants (and fellow missionaries) we were so encouraged by how well this team is doing with their relationships with the local people and as a team. It is exciting to think that we get to have a part in seeing the Light of the Gospel come to this Dark place.

The next trip was also fairly long. After 2 one hour plane flights and a 2 hour motor canoe trip we arrived at the village of Wabuku. On this visit we only did an evaluation for one couple as their co-workers were out of the tribe at that time. This couple is also doing a great job in a less than easy language and setting. There is a young church in this village but they have had very little grounding in the Word, and are floundering a bit at the moment. Our prayer is that these two families can get through language and culture study and then start teaching and discipling in earnest.



Our helicopter pilot, Mike McGregor, and myself getting ready to head into Maliyali.



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Laken did a great job in her evaluation in Wabuku and is making good progress towards learning the language and culture.



Trips to the bush

Greetings from Goroka. We trust that your month of March has gone well. Ours has been very busy and full of God's daily mercies. To have that perspective seems to always be the challenge before us. Can we look beyond the immediate circumstances and find joy in the Lord.

This month I had the opportunity to visit two bush locations to do some consulting. The first trip started with a 2 hour helicopter ride into a very

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Thomas (foreground) and I working with Nathan Mueller and his language helper, Rambo.

Prayer Requests

- Please be praying for my upcoming consultant trips in April. I have another evaluation in early April and then a short workshop towards the end.
- Pray for my co-workers, John and Christina Hutteman and Bob and Noby Kennell as they spend some time in Malaumanda in April. Pray also for me as I am trying to work on some lessons for the book of Philippians so that they can do a bit of teaching while they are in there.
- Pray for me as I try to find a time (possibly in May) when I can get in to Malaumanda to do a bit of work on cleaning up the typos in the New Testament manuscript.
- Praise: The boys are in the midst of their spring break from school and are having a great time. Judith enjoys the break from helping the boys with school work.

Major Prayer Request

Once we get to June then the centre operations department that I manage here at Lapilo is going to lose 2 additional missionaries. This will make it very difficult for us to keep up with the maintenance of the Lapilo centre. We would ask that you pray that the Lord would raise up some additional skilled individuals who can join us here for at least a year or two. Our desire is to find someone who has the ability of a handyman/carpenter/plumber and the heart of a discipler/trainer. If you know anyone who might fit this need, or if you yourself are interested, then please drop us a line. We'd love to talk.



Just today we went as a family on a hike up to where Letume, one of our workers, lives. It was a beautiful day and a good stretch of the legs.

We want to thank each of you who pray so faithfully for us. We need your prayers each and every day whether it is for our ministries or for wisdom in training our boys. Let me also say that we love hearing from you via email, FB or texts. We are many miles away but still value the friendships that we have back home.

Blessings to you all,

Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy