

Where has the month gone?!

Dear Friends,

It is great to once again bring you up to speed as to what God has been doing here in PNG. In this update we'll have to keep things short and to the point as the Lord has done a lot over the last 30 days. It is nice to be able to look back and see His hand at work.

At the end of September our next door neighbors, Brian and Kelly Helmuth, received a visit from his parents. The Helmuths are from my (Eric) home church, Hillside EV Free in San Jose. We didn't spend a lot of time with them but it was a blessing to have someone from Hillside come over and see where we live and minister. The picture above is of Judith and the boys with all the items that our church family there sent over in a suitcase. A special thanks to the Fellowship class as we heard that they did a lot of work to put everything together.



For the first part of this month the boys have been on break from school. They were happy for the break and, though we didn't travel anywhere this break, we did get some family time in. The break finished up on the 23rd and that signaled more than a few changes for us.



The first change was the fact that as of the 23rd of October I was no longer functioning as the Lapilo Centre Operations Manager. I mentioned this last month and the change has in fact happened. On the 23rd I left for the bush to do a CLA evaluation and came back to a new mix of ministry responsibilities; or I suppose you could say that the priorities are just radically different. First up is to get the Malaumanda New Testament ready for a trip next month. More on that later.

One additional change was that Judith began training as a receptionist in the medical clinic here at Lapilo. There is a lot to learn as she will be doing much more than just answering phones and setting up appointments. This is a totally new avenue for her to function in but she is enjoying the challenge. The Lord gives us many different ways to serve.

Thanks so much for all of you that stand with us in prayer and giving. We are humbled and grateful for your part in our lives.

The boys enjoyed their time away from school.

Blessings,

Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy

Prayer and Praise

- **Pray** for all of the transitions that we discussed above. There are a lot of little and big adjustments that we are going through and it will take a bit of time to sort out what our new norm will be.

- **Pray** for the whole process of revising the Malaumanda NT. Now I have the time to work on it (**Praise**) so please be praying that I can get everything done before May.

- Please be **praying** for an upcoming trip into Malaumanda. I will be gone for about 12 days in November. The first portion of my time in Malaumanda will be to join the local body there in celebrating the Lord's provision of their new building. The rest of the time will be spent working on the translation.

- We are in the midst of renewing all of the boy's passports. Please pray that this will go smoothly.

- We are also in the midst of planning for our next home assignment in May. We plan to use our American Airlines miles for our trip home. I have never been particularly successful with using these sorts of miles so please **pray**.



Judith at the front desk of the clinic. She is still being trained by the current receptionists.