



## A sprint to the end

We trust that you all had a wonderful Easter. It is amazing to think of all that Christ went through before eventually cruelly dying on the cross. We spent some time reading through this story as a family on Sunday night though our weekend wasn't quite as focused on Christ's resurrection as it normally is. We probably spent more time cleaning the house and putting stuff into boxes and totes; the unfortunate side effect of being 1 month away from leaving for home assignment.

A week or so back we had a short visit from our co-workers, Bob and Noby Kennell (picture above). It was great to be able to touch base with them again though we trust that in the fall they will be able to have a longer visit with us in Oregon.

We appreciate all of your prayers concerning the work permit situation that we as a mission are working through with the PNG gov't. The Lord has been answering our prayers so please keep praying. Specifically, next weekend several gov't representatives will be visiting Lapilo where they will have meetings with various groups including a group of like minded mission organizations such as NTM, SIL/Wycliffe, MAF and others. We are hopeful that these meetings will bring into focus the work that we are accomplishing here in the country and the benefit that the country receives.

This week on Thursday Judith and I will be traveling in to visit the Malaumanda church. I did not expect to have the opportunity to get back into the bush before we left but some missionaries from a neighboring tribe planned a 4 day trip into the bush and there was room for Judith and I to jump on. My plan is to double check some Old Testament portions and work with some of the church leaders concerning an upcoming leadership workshop that will happen next year. Judith is just looking forward to getting back in and spending time with the ladies again. For her, it has been a long time since she had the pleasure of fellowshiping with the believers in there.

OK, that is about all for now. You'll see some additional prayer requests below.

In Him,

Eric and Judith, Stephen, Daniel and Timothy

### Prayer Requests

- **Pray** that the boys would be diligent to finish the school year strong.
- **Pray** for all of our planning for this summer's travels. It is no small feat for us to schedule our time to be able to see all of our friends and supporters over roughly 2 months time.
- Please **Pray** for sanity as we still have a lot to do before we leave here the end of May.
- **Praise** for good health and strength.



Judith is in the midst of packing up whole portions of our house. This is NEVER fun. We are thankful that some of our things will be used by the family who is going to be staying here for the year that we are gone.