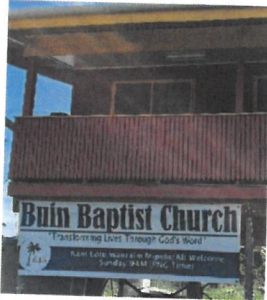




Papua New Guinea

Gary & Verda Keck

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We said goodbye to Kenny and family as they left for Buin, Bougainville to begin a new church planting ministry. On Sunday, September 30, they had 26 in attendance, a great start to such a needy place. However, Monday, October 1st Garrett, our grandson, woke up in extreme pain and running a fever. Because medical attention is limited in their area, they made a trip to Port Moresby. He was diagnosed with septic arthritis in the knee and they were advised to go to Australia. He was admitted into the hospital and underwent a surgery to remove the abscess. His stay in the hospital was 20 days with intravenous antibiotics. Garrett was released from the Australian hospital on October 23 with oral antibiotics.

Through it all, we saw the hand of God guiding this precious family. God enabled them to quickly leave a remote area – no blocked roads, no delayed flights. God lead them to a clinic in Port Moresby that helped with an accurate diagnosis and expedited their departure to Australia. Garrett had knowledgeable and hospitable doctors in Brisbane. Kenny and family are now in the US for further medical attention. Though we were not able to be with them during this ordeal, God had them in His hand. God's grace is sufficient. Please continue to pray for Garrett's complete healing and Kenny and Kalie's return to the ministry in Bougainville.



Thank you for your prayers for our transition Sunday October 28th. It was a time of great blessing to all of us. We heard local guest speakers preach and encourage the people to remain faithful and continue in the things that they have been taught: soul winning, Biblical preaching and teaching and a love for God, His Word and people. A video was presented depicting highlights of 16 years of ministry. It was a nice reminder of our start and a

challenge to think about God's future plans for this wonderful church. Our prayer is that they would continue to reach the lost around them and grow in grace.

October 31-November 4 was Wau Baptist annual missions conference, I was one of their guest speakers for the meeting. It was a great conference with many Christians surrendering to follow God's will in their lives. There were two saved and surrendered for ministry as well as their giving commitments exceeded the previous year as they gave over K24,000 about \$8,000.

Thank you for your consistent prayers and sacrificial monthly gifts to help us continue the ministry that God has called us to. Words cannot express our deep gratitude for the sacrifices made for us.

Because of Christ,

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