

Papua New Guinea

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Greetings from Papua New Guinea;

We appreciate your prayers in these trying times. I know many of you have been under tremendous stress in these unsettling times. We know that God's promises are true and encourage us each day. Isaiah 40:29, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." We do not know what the future holds but we know who holds the future. I thank you for the prayers and the selfless giving that has enabled Verda and I to continue to serve the Lord in Papua New Guinea. Verda and I remain healthy. We do ask for your prayers as Sharon will be married May 23. We are unable to attend the wedding due to travel restrictions. Even as our heart yearn to be with her on this special day, we know that God holds us in the right hand of His righteousness.

The month of April we had to rearrange our class schedules to accommodate for smaller class size for our Bible School students and suspend our church services as well as our ACE school and the prep school for the children on campus. We were under a curfew and not able to travel out of the city since we were ground zero on the first case. The ban has been lifted, but we still have to get a written letter from the local police giving permission to travel. The virus has not infected any of our students or church members, even though there was an individual who visited Wau while being infected. The medical team came and tested many others and as of this letter, we are waiting the results. There have been 8 confirmed cases throughout PNG and all 8 has recovered and no deaths, for which we are very thankful for.



April 26th, we began church services again in the village of Kaisenik. It was good to preach and teach God's word to the people that gathered for worship. Each meeting the attendance grows and May 3rd there was a visitor.

May 4th, we started regular classes again. It is a blessing to have Martha and Luther Smith here as they forgone their furlough until things settle down. Martha is looking after the ACE school and Luther is teaching our Bible school students the book of Romans. It is exciting to have Verda teaching the Pastor's wives class this semester and I am teaching The Life of Paul and his writings.

In our outreach and daily conversations there has been a lot of questions about this virus which has led to presenting the Gospel to each individual. Please pray with me that as we continue to witness hearts will be open to the Gospel and Souls will be saved.

Because of Christ,
Gary and Verda Keck