

Dear Praying Friends,

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Please continue praying for the Covid-19 situation in Papua New Guinea (PNG). We are grateful the number of cases and deaths have not increased much. It is an answer to our prayers and is evidence the strict travel restrictions and other factors helped to minimize the spread. **Thanks** for praying for the Hovey's return to PNG. Their 2-week quarantine included a view of a construction site for their children. Brian serves in maintenance, repairing equipment, and working on much needed drainage problems before the rains start. Phyllis is teaching a college class, and both serve in the Makia church.

Please pray for GBBC, which is in their second semester. **Pray** for the students, teachers, and other staff as they are busy with classes, homework, life, and ministries. **Pray** for GBBC accreditation (think lots of paperwork!) which I have been helping with. We started planning for it years ago, and government mandates have put new deadlines on the process. We are seeking approval this month but it is uncertain how Covid-19 may affect the process. **Pray** for \$3,000 to finish the first stage of a new Mission House on campus. Once completed it will prepare the way for needed office space for the college.



We Praise God for recent outreaches in PNG, including a 2-day mobile clinic in the Bena area near the Bible College. This medical and church-planting outreach led by Bill and Lori Smith included helping hundreds of patients, gospel presentations, and evening services. The new church built at Keisusaro recently held a combined service from 5 Bena villages, where Tim and Leandra Hawes have been doing outreach for a couple of years. Over 200 were in attendance! Also, Phil and Jan Smith led Awana leader's training and there are several churches now running Awana programs! These 3 couples serve at GBBC as well, and regularly involve students training for ministry in these outreaches.

Thanks for praying as we help Dad (Bruce) take care of Kellis's Mom (Sue) with her dementia. It involves help with meals, supervision, and the occasional medical appointments. Sue recently reacted to something and it required a trip to the hospital, but she couldn't explain it herself. She almost never speaks any more, but she does get excited about meals sometimes, especially when she is hungry. **Pray** for their health and that Sue sleeps well. It is a big help to Bruce when she allows him to sleep!

We praise God Kellis and I have recovered from the coronavirus, with quarantining at home and trying to rest from the fever, fatigue, and flu symptoms. We appreciate family help! **We thank God** for our first-year anniversary (Sept 9th) of moving into our first home! **We praise God** our daughter Rachel got a 6th grade teaching job in a local Christian school! They are fortunate to have her! **Please pray for upcoming church ministries**. Pat will continue teaching an adult Sunday School class, but also will be the missionary teacher for Council Time in Awana, using ABWE's *The Story of Hope*. Kellis will be co-leading (teaching) our Ladies' Bible Study using *That the World May Know* series, as well as working in Awana Cubbies with Abi. **Pray** with us for needed increases in monthly support and one-time gifts.

Serving Together with Thanksgiving,
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