



Porter's Postings

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Praise God for good health, working vehicles and good weather lately.

Praise God for all the open doors and new Believers lately and **Pray** that they can grow strong in their faith.

Pray for Seth as he has a lot of church plants he is helping. **Pray** for safety, wisdom, and strength. **Pray** for more strong Christian leaders to partner with Seth in discipling & guiding the new Christians & churches.

Pray for more missionaries! We need help!

Pray for our family to remain healthy physically, spiritually and emotionally so that we can continue in glorifying God here in PNG.

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Serving the Lord in Papua New Guinea

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A New Hausman for God

On January 29, we celebrated New Years a little early with our community in a new way— we opened a new “hausman” for God on the mission station. The first house is packed full of young men Seth is discipling and we saw the need to open another to allow for the work to expand. How great is that?! It will be another house for doing evangelism and discipleship within our community so we invited the whole community to the grand opening.

First we had a small outdoor service held in their village center. After service, we went over to the new hausman and had a feast PNG style! We had a mumu where the food is wrapped in banana leaves and is cooked in the ground with hot rocks. After cooking in the ground for several

hours, it was dug up and we all feasted. Everyone sat in their family groups as Seth’s guys distributed the food and then we all sat around our designated food and ate with our fingers, using banana leaves as plates.

Please join us in praying that this hausman will be a place of light and truth in our community. Many times the men are too ashamed to come to church because they know they are living in sin, we shared with the community that God’s hausman is a safe place to come to ask questions and hear God’s word. Seth is still the “sponsor” of it, but it is being looked after by Alex, Seth’s right-hand man in ministry. Pray for wisdom and God’s words for Alex as he reaches out to his own community.



God is Opening Doors-Here, There, Everywhere!

God has been opening doors, it seems like everywhere! Seth has been all over the place lately! Mid-January, Seth and a few of his guys drove 6 hours into Moro province and spent 3 days in a community on the edge of Lake Kutubu, PNG's 2nd largest lake. As usual they did some preaching in the community center and this was the first place that they have ever had people actually come forward to pray and repent right then and there in front of everyone. They even had a lady come to them asking for them to pray for healing and the next day she came to find them, all excited, to let them know that she was healed! They did a lot of preaching and sharing with people about God and God was definitely at work. Seth received word that even a week later, people there were still discussing and talking about God's truths they had heard when he and his guys were there. They now want a church in their community! Seth is planning on making trips back to council and encourage the new Christians and plant a church. Praise God!



In early February, Seth traveled 9 and half hours with 2 of his guys and some other pastors to Goba, a village near Kikori in the Gulf Province. The village is in the humid lowlands on the edge of a huge river so many people fish and have dugouts they use to get around—completely different from our home in the Highlands. Benjamin, a young man from one of our churches, is a teacher at a new school in Goba and he is Seth's connection to the area. They had 3 days of outreach in the village and on a Sunday evening the Holy Spirit broke through and 6 new souls were saved! The people of Goba are hungry for the Lord and they want a church! They have already given ground for a church building and God has given Benjamin another job-church planter! He is going to be leading these new Christians and help plant a church in Goba. Please join us in praying for Benjamin and the community in Goba.



Seth is even going to leave the main island! The end of February through the beginning of March, Seth has a trip planned to Rabaul, a town on New Britain, a smaller island of PNG. Josep, one of Seth's guys who was a former drug addict that Jesus transformed, has family there and has been their a couple months preparing for Seth to come. He has been doing outreach with the community and they have already set aside ground and built a tarp structure to hold services in! Please be praying for this trip and for Josep as he spreads God's word there in Rabaul. Please be praying for all these new Christians in all these new places!

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We Can't Keep up!

As you can tell, Seth has been a busy man! On top of these trips he still has his everyday ministry of discipling his young guys, as well as building projects, preaching at churches on Sundays and keeping up with the other church plants, including another new one that was just planted in Nipa, 45 minutes away. (Seth recently spent a week there cutting trees and ripping lumber for their permanent church building) We feel that church planting can't be done by itself, it must be done hand-in-hand with discipleship or these churches will not grow and change lives. Discipleship takes time and manpower, and Seth can't keep up. We need help! In fact our whole field of PNG needs help! Our field is down to 2 full-time families (us in the bush and 1 family in town at the Bible college) as one family is transferring fields and another has moved up into a Regional Leadership position. Our mission in PNG barley has the people needed to keep up with the ministries that are already going. We as a field are trying not to get discouraged and are trusting that God has a plan and will provide even if we can't see what that is at this point. So if God has been leading you to PNG and you have been uncertain about it, the time is NOW. The fields are ripe and there is work to be done and we need workers! Please join us in praying for workers! We, the Porters, also need prayer as we are trying to figure out how to empower and facilitate those we have discipled in taking a bigger role under Seth's supervision in the church planting and discipling ministries.

The Kiddos

As promised in our last letter, here are pictures of our kids with puppies! And a cat for Alivia who even though she enjoys the puppies is a total cat lover. Mid-December, our dogs had 13 puppies!! The kids and Veronica have been kept busy caring for them all and its been a blast! They should be going to their new homes in March and we will miss them. The kids also had a blast in January when another MK (missionary Kid) from our mission, Henry Jenkins, came and stayed with us for 3 weeks while his parents were stateside for meetings. It was such a fun special time for all of them to be together as they usually only see each other once every 2 months. Their days were full of games, sports, mud, projects, puppies and so much laughter. Henry, Elaina and Malachi even got to go on a district youth work day at a new church plant! They worked hard and got dirty serving Jesus! Thank you so much for praying for our kids!



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