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## PROJECTION FOR 1ST QUARTER 2007

We are still hoping to finish off the roof of the Samban bridge though much will be dependent upon community help in making the roofing material. Jesse will be doing more timbering to finish the classroom. Some repair work to the kitchen and bathroom in the Pryor house as well as some work on the old Church of Christ Mission house will also be on the slate for early in the new year. We will also be hosting a couple of short term assistants for PBT; they will be staying in the mission house learning Pidgin and helping with a few literacy projects. Karie will be working to finish print the materials the teachers made in the October course and distributing them to the local prep schools. We also are planning a pastor/church leader seminar/ Bible study for February 12-16.

### JANUARY

We came to town in January to assist PBT in the time of their annual meeting. We ran a VBS geared for the children of the PBT members in the day time. While we were in town we received word that funds were given specifically for the purchase of a boat and motor for medical runs and solar panels which we purchased. The boat was driven back to Samban loaded with town goods and a new pig. When we returned back to Samban Jesse fixed the old water tank.

### FEBRUARY

In February we hosted a pastor and church leader workshop which was attended by 48 pastors and leaders from various churches in our tok ples (talk place) area (same language group). The workshop was well received and another is planned to be held in 6 months time. The house over the bridge was completed in February protecting it from the weather. Jesse also started a course for men wishing to help in the milling that is ongoing. March- Jesse continued the sawmill course and testing. We hosted PBT short term assistants for two weeks. In this time they did a lot working with the women here on an Ap Ma study guide for the book of Luke. Jesse and his men went to Kambot, another village in our tok ples area, and did two weeks worth of milling to get timber for the new generator house and to repair the classroom as well as posts for the future center. Unfortunately during this time he developed some kind of skin reaction to the sawdust or sap or something which eventually took over about 2/3 of his skin. We left two days early to go to town and get cortisone shots to help him heal. It was about 3 weeks before he recovered from that. While we were in town we had a Tsunami scare where Madang was asked to evacuate about 6 hours after the danger had passed and nothing came of it but a day of wide spread panic and theft and illegal activity. Jesse did maintenance on PBT vehicles and also replaced screen wire on a house and changed a few light fixtures for them.

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## PROJECTION FOR 2ND QUARTER

We plan to be doing a lot of milling, building site preparation, finishing the study guide for the book of Luke and working on the outbound road to Yamen and Simbri. We will probably have to have a trip to Wewak for supplies as we are planning to remain out in the village from April to July. We will also have a trip to Gandep (a Bible School) to drop off the short-term assistants. We also plan to go and check on a TPPS school in Yamen.

## APRIL

We came to Madang in April after Jesse had an allergic reaction to some kind of tree they were milling in Kambot. It took two weeks before Jesse's skin cleared up, but he was able to spend a couple days working for PBT servicing vehicles and fixing lights and screen-wire for PBT houses. During our time in town there was a big Tsunami scare that forced the evacuation of thousands in Madang though it ultimately came to nothing.

## MAY

We were back in the village and were pleased to be able to install two new solar panels donated by a man from Tennessee. Jesse worked at cleaning out the Center ground and he took out all the big trees and stumps. We were also hosting two short term assistants (STA's) for PBT (Pioneer Bible Translators). They came to finish out the work on the Luke study guide and work in the women's groups. During their stay we had an interesting dilemma. A domesticated pig was speared to death and I (Karie) was blamed. I suppose it is because I encourage people to follow the laws set up by the village council which dictates

that pigs must be kept in a pen or they are not domesticated. It is a health and safety law. So they claimed they I hired a hit man. Anyways after yelling and screaming, they eventually came and apologized. I made a visit to Simbri school on the four-wheeler to take books and encourage attendance at the school. Simbri road is now fixed and open for the four-wheeler and tractor; it is a 5 mile stretch of dirt road with one bridge. Jesse repaired an old 40 hp motor that he picked up for 300 dollars + part, but it is running great now and will be very useful. Martha Wade (PBT translator) came for 4 days and worked with Maso on the Acts translation. We took a long canoe trip to Gandep (an Australian Church of Christ Bible School) to drop off the STA's and Martha.

## JUNE

We launched a huge milling effort in Simbri employing 36 people over 4 weeks cutting and milling and hauling timber across the new road back to Samban. Jesse took a short trip to Wewak for fuel and supplies and then worked at digging out ground at the end of the airstrip to fill in low spots in the middle that tend to flood.

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## PROJECTION FOR 3RD QUARTER

During the Third quarter we are hoping to get the Luke Study guide finished and possibly go back to Simbri for a second milling trip. We will have lots of visitors with my parents coming in July and then Jaymi Cook (PBT - STA) coming in August.

## JULY

July was a blur of activity trying to get the house in order before Mom and Dad's arrival. Jesse got my kitchen sink counter and bathroom vanity up and operational, though not quite done. We got some painting done and replaced trim in the bathroom and kitchen. Then we went to Madang to pick Mom, Dad and Ryne Able (Karie's cousin) up and when they got to the village there was a big celebration. It was a good time. Mom and I got to spend time with the kids. Dad and Jesse worked on a new generator house and running electric line throughout the house. Ryne organized a lot of "stuff" that needed it, but we just never seem to have the time. Dad, Jesse, and Ryne went on a canoe trip that went through Samban, Painiten, Lol, Raten, Wom, Kambaramba, and Magindo and ended at Angoram. They also toured the

government clinic in Angoram.

## AUGUST

August started in the bush but we soon left to town with Mom and Dad and Ryne for Madang. After enjoying a few days in Madang and time at the beach, we said goodbye to family and went back to getting things around for our trip back to Samban with Jaymi Cook. She jumped back into things in the village and got to work with Maso taking up where he and Martha left off in the translation work.

## SEPTEMBER

September seemed to be full of problems. It started with a medical emergency and Jesse accompanied the patient and his brother-in-law to Madang to oversee their care. That left Jaymi and I alone with the kids in the bush. One night walking

home a mother of 7 pulled me aside and asked if I would help her abort her 1 month pregnancy. After going through the full range of emotions, I brought her up into the house and spent about 45 minutes in Bible study and prayer with her. Obviously I would never assist in any thing of the sort. Later that weekend a rumor was circulating that I had medicine I could give to women to help them abort their babies. I confronted the source and quickly and publicly let the village know my stance against abortion (not to mention it is illegal in PNG). Then the next week brought me a 13 year old date rape case with the complication of a possible (never confessed) retained

abortion. After speaking with her, I let her sleep on our floor for the day and rest. Jesse returned home. Then the unbelievable happened, after going on a walk, Jaymi and I passed Maso's house where he started complaining about some problems he hadn't been telling us and in the course of his rage quit the work as translator. We've since talked to him and we are in the process of reconciling. Like everything in PNG, this will be a slow process. Please pray that this will soon be resolved. Then a few days later a small baby was brought to me starving to death. The baby was in shocking condition and they refused to listen to my advice. The next day the baby died.

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## PROJECTION FOR 4TH QUARTER

Well we are going to try to be realistic for the 4th quarter realizing that we have three sets of visitors coming and that is really going to focus what we can do into specific areas. In October we will be hosting Buz Craig and Cher Fore from Greenwood, IN. In November we will be hosting Marian and Regan Batley from the Australian Church of Christ. They are ex-missionaries that used to minister in Samban. In December we will be hosting William Butler and Chris Urton of PBT. They will be trying to straighten things out with Maso and trying to get the community involved .