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Israel Levi Pryor- Adoption Finalized 4-20-2018

If you've been paying attention to news from the Pryor's you will recall that back

in July we welcomed an addition to our family. The little guy was born June 14, 2017, a month premature, and was abandoned at the hospital by his biological mother. Through an amazing series of events, some special peoples' involvement, and doors opening, he was turned over to our care on July 10, 2017 and been with us ever since. He is one of the easiest going babies to be around and has brought great joy to our family.

Since coming to be with us, we have been working the legal framework to make him a permanent member of our family. We are pleased to announce that on April 20, Israel Levi officially became a Pryor! This is just a formal adoption in PNG. We now have to negotiate some time constraints and legal paperwork before he becomes a US citizen. This is going to greatly affect our furlough plans, due to constraints on him traveling in the USA. However, we are excited to share him and his story, in greater detail, with all of you.

Multi-Tasking: Finding Time That Doesn't Exist

Yes we've been rather remiss in bringing you a much needed update on the work here in Samban. As I (Karie) type this I am overseeing a Math class teaching addition of fractions and beside me lies a notebook of ungraded papers and next to that is a ball of yarn and a barely started afghan. The word for this quarter has been "multi-tasking".

As a new mom, again, I am just starting to realize I only thought I was busy before. Just as your love grows with each new child, it appears the capacity to juggle just one more thing grows as well. In fact one of my grade 7 students asked me today if she could begin a reading class for village women who want to learn to read the Bible in the trade language. I couldn't believe my ears! This is the type of initiative we have been hoping for! But, only 3 years ago this student was in my adult literacy class struggling to read for herself. She is a prayerful Godly woman and has a passion for Christ and learning and she knows what a gift it is to be able to read God's word for yourself! *But, one more thing?* It seems that just when we think there is nothing else we can possibly do another need presents itself. However, that is exactly what we look for, for someone to get help, and then turn around and help others. We are certainly going to do all we can to provide her with help and what resources we can.

We have prayed that God would send us helpers and with Isaac's help we are able to run the TEE (Theological Education by Extension) courses. He has taken grade 10 and my advanced math classes not to mention the work he has

put in around the house and clinic and on various construction projects. The more work we take on the harder it becomes to leave PNG without someone to help us keep it all going. We ask that you join us in prayer as we plan for a much needed time in the US to visit family and churches that God would continue to raise up the people here locally that can sustain the work in our absence. Pray that he would bless their efforts and guard the work against the attacks of the evil one.

Ongoing Projects and Open Positions

Ap Ma FODE Centre- A grade 7-12 "Distance" education school. Classes run two hours two times a week for each class. A total of 7 teachers are needed.

Samban Clinic- A small clinic with 3 Lower level nurses which serves more than 4000+ patients annually. We are in need of an RN and a clinic administrator.

The Project Store- A small trade store with two local employees. This store provides the income to pay for a portion of our clinic workers wages. Currently it is adequately staffed though we could use some advice or a short visit from someone who understands business a bit better than we do to help with inventory tracking and POS.

Samban Central Elementary School- An elementary school serving 170-210 students annually. Three full time government paid local staff. Four additional teachers in training paid by the collection of school fee's. Currently they are adequately staffed but would benefit from short term additional teacher training.

Theological Education by Extension- Bible study courses designed by Christian Leadership Training College Banz, Hagan, PNG to deepen the students understanding of God's word and how to let it impact our daily lives. This is a new project being used in the FODE school and in the local churches. We could use someone who would like to dedicate more time to this ministry.

98.3 FM The Radio Station for the Ap Ma Language Group- Another new project has been the launching of our own Ap Ma radio station. Thanks to Life FM we have been able to use their automatic programming and still interrupt the programming to insert our own programs. This could be a full time position for someone locally if we had someone to take a year to mentor and train a local person to operate the station. Currently we are running much of Life FM's programming and have added in scripture reading in our own language and various announcements.

Milling and Construction- Milling and construction are very much tied to seasons and finances. Currently we have enough trained men to fill most of our construction needs, most of the time. There are however times we could use a special team or individual for special projects.

Finance and Accounting- As our work grows so does our paperwork and neither Jesse or I feel we have the time to do a great job of managing the books for all our different works. If this is something you feel called to do even short time to advise or help us set up an easier system we would love to hear from you.



A YWAM team visited us in late February. They spent much of their time

teaching and training local VHV (Village Health Volunteers) basic hygiene, good health practices and first aid. They also gave some training to our nursing staff at the clinic.



Dr. Pahau and his team from Boram Hospital, in Wewak, came out to Samban. The main purpose of the teams visit was to do cataract surgeries. He did 22 cataract surgeries while other members of his team did vision checks. It was great to see the end results, especially for several of them that had been virtually blind, getting to see again.



Israel wasn't too sure what all the fuss was about at the courthouse. However, he does love the new high chair!



The final shot inside the courthouse.



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