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## tick-tock

Where does the time go? It has been a very fast 2007. If you are like me you just got use to writing '07 on checks and wherever you put the date, but now it's time to "relearn" your brain. There's been a lot going on since the last newsletter. Probably the most exciting has been the opening of the clinic. This has involved several people and lots of time getting everything organized. Karie has really been the catalyst for all of the happenings. This has also meant the hiring of the nurse, Marianne Posatia. She has proven to be a very good worker, and more knowledgeable than we could have hoped. She is already giving injections, stitching up wounds, and amputated an old man's little toe. Already she has saved us at least 4 evacuations where in the past we would have to take them to Angoram or someplace else. However, because of her expertise, she has handled the situations right here in Samban.

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## VEHICLE update

In early November we finally received our vehicle from Japan. Looking back on all the hoops that we had to get through, it is almost comical, but at the time



it was very frustrating. It sat on the dock in Lae for 2 weeks waiting for customs to clear it. When it was finally cleared, although scheduled to be on the ship, it wasn't sent. So William Butler, a PBT missionary friend, who happened to be in Lae for the day, picked it up for us and drove it back to Madang over the weekend. The major problem with waiting for it was the amount of time we had to spend in town away from Samban. Yet God's timing was better than ours. For one, we had taken a young lady into town for some blood tests. It ended up that we had to send the blood to Australia for the testing. She was diagnosed with Hashimoto's Disease. Which basically means that her thyroid was producing too much "stuff" (medical term for Jesse). It

meant her heart was running a marathon even when she was sitting still, 150 beats a minute. It took the month we were waiting for her meds to be regulated.

## tablesaw

The other reason God's timing was better was the arrival of a new table saw sent to us from the U.S. It did not ship to Madang, but got shipped to Ukarumpa. Since the vehicle had just arrived, we were able to travel to Ukarumpa via the new vehicle, uncrate the new saw, disassemble it, weigh the individual pieces, and get it ready for shipment on the airplane to Samban.

The tablesaw arrived in Samban on the 24th of December. MAF brought it in their "big" plane. It was exciting for us to see the saw, see the big airplane, and the village was in awe of the airplane as well. The last time a plane that size landed in Samban was when I (Jesse) was a senior in high school in 1995.

I spent the time prior to its arrival in Samban organizing the workshop, under the classroom, so it could be brought in and put back together. At this point we haven't started it yet. As soon as we get a chance to get the correct wire and plugs we will be making sawdust!

## **PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKSGIVING**

Please keep the clinic and it's workers and patients in your prayers especially as it is just getting started.

Please keep the health and safety of the Pryor family in your prayers. We will be attempting to stay out here in the bush from late Nov when we got here until we are ready to leave in mid April.

Please pray for focus and clarity with all the small projects we need to get done before we leave.

Pray a pray of thanks for additional support that has been given for the Samban clinic.

## **THE THREE LITTLE PIGS**

These little piggies had a good Christmas! Naleh was really wishing for snow. Eli was worried about how Santa would make it through our screen wire and Judah was just interested in the cherries which he called Bear-you's. I think he meant berries but he thought I was saying bear-me (as though they were mine) so he politely said no, bear-you! All the big birthdays over now: Naleh 7, Eli is 5, and Judah 2. They are all looking forward to coming back to America in the spring and visiting grandparents, cousins, and McDonalds, not necessarily in that order.

## **BEST NEW HOLIDAY TRADITION**

Thank you to those who wrote with their favorite holiday traditions. Trista Hill of Centerville, IN wins with the best new holiday tradition. She and her family skip the big meal on Christmas day in exchange for a holiday on the barbie! She says it's a simple meal, less time in the kitchen and more time for enjoying the day with family, mom included!