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“That’s Going to Make Me Ridiculous” - Elijah

We all have things we just do not want to do. Life is full of that stuff—dirty diapers to be washed, pig stys to be cleaned, motors to be repaired, and for Elijah—nightly baths. He can’t stand to have water poured over his head and every night it is a battle to drag him kicking and screaming into the shower. On one recent occasion when asked to go get ready for a bath he just folded his arms and pouted and said, “Mama, I can’t. That’s going to make me ridiculous!” Life is full of funny relief from the yuck, so go ahead and get ridiculous.

Luk Save, Watch-care

For your Melanesian Pidgin lesson this month, I would like you to consider this phrase: luk save pronounced look-sahv-a. Luk means to look at or watch and save means understanding or thinking or knowledge. So you could say the phrase means to watch over or examine with care and understanding. These past two months have been full of examples of God’s luk save, or watch-care. Early in October we had a teacher training course and God provided strength, health, food, and 30 teachers willing and ready to learn. Also in October the engine to the sawmill was damaged and God saw the need and provided a way for it to be replaced. Then a road needed to be made to Simbri and Yamen and men have come forward to help. We have been sick; He has strengthened us. We have been tired; He has given us a chance to rest. Praise the Lord for His Luk Save and continual Watch-care.

Guests

In October we had 3 guests: two Aussies and an American. God knew what he was doing sending them to us during the week I had planned for my teacher in-service. Because I was fully involved in the training, I didn’t have time to teach Naleh’s school lessons and Angela (one of our guests) took that role for me. The guys, Jacob Robinson and Nathan Batley, helped Jesse around the house making a fuel drum stand and starting work on our new “Haus Win” (House Wind) for the drum oven. Angela also helped with dishes and housework. We were so thankful to have such willing help. Angela and I also had the best day of fishing yet. Our little fishing party caught more than 90 fish the day before the training course. We froze them whole and served them to the participants. God provides! One of the guests was Nathan Batley, whose parents were missionaries here in Samban for the Australian Church of Christ when he was 5-9 years old. Jesse is four years older than Nathan, but they enjoyed meeting once again.

Mrs. Prvor's Helpful Household Tips!

Cutting a watermelon has always been a challenge for me. Do you break into it long ways or in half? Well since living in Samban, we get lots of melons each dry season and I now know the best way to cut a melon if you are planning to eat it by hand. You cut it in two inch segments starting at one end and working towards the other. When you have your melon circles, you cut each in half and then half again, or in thirds. This will give you a nice manageable wedge of melon. Sorry this is not a *timely* tip, but it is melon season here, so maybe you can just hold on to that idea for next year!

This Should Be Easy!

I need a road to Simbri and Yamen to haul the mill and carry timber back and forth. No problem, right? Well we have spent three weeks solid on it now and have about 3 miles done. If you are not cutting through head-high grass, it gets difficult. There's massive rainforest trees and various types of trees to get out of the way. Oh yeah, it's rainy season now and the section through the swamp is underwater. That is of course where we dug out to the sides and mounded the ground up to form a crown 2 foot higher than the surrounding area. Right now we've halted on that section of the road. It's pretty hard for the tractor to dig underwater. We'll keep you posted about the road...and rain for that matter.

Prayer Points

Pray for safety of the men involved in the timbering and milling.

Praise for 2 books for which the back-translation has been completed.

Pray that Karie can find time to type all of it.

Pray for the health of all us, particularly the children.

Pray for a measure of grace and joy during the holidays away from family and friends.

The Darndest Things!

Naleh, age 6, is enjoying the 11 new chicks and new piglet Stetrik!

Eli, age 4, loves his new swing and riding his bike up and down the village.

Judah, 11 months, is starting to take a step every once in a while and loves to play Koo-koo bird.