



Prayers Needed

We need your prayers. In the past few months we have had multiple complaints about land rights for the property that was given to us for the work of the project, the school, clinic, staff housing, store, and cell phone tower. Others have complained about our practice of merit based hiring which began such disturbances to the work that we resorted to a police protective order for our property and staff who were repeatedly harassed on the grounds by local men and women. These disagreements have resulted in physical violence, threats, and destruction of property which has been greatly inflamed by drunkenness. At this point we do not feel that it is safe to return to Samban to stay. After a large fight between the villages of Lol and Samban the clinic was pronounced closed by those involved in the fight and workers were sent back to their home villages for their own protection. Without the clinic in operation we fear that those in need of medical care would likely return to the old practice coming to our house with their medical needs. Neither Jesse nor Karie are qualified medical workers. According to PNG law we are not allowed to practice medicine. Nor does it seem prudent where there is a designated facility to do so and workers that are capable of practicing, but cannot be guaranteed safety. For the time being we, (Jesse, Karie, Judah, and Israel) are remaining in town, (Wewak) and continuing to assist other local missionaries as we are able, but also doing as much as we can remotely.

We have a few prayer points that we are asking both those in the villages whom we serve and those around the world that support us to be in prayer for. We are asking that at 8 AM or 10 PM, as your schedules allow you, would you join us in prayer for these specific requests as we continue to do what we can to help those we serve from afar.

1. Pray for the FODE school students who are still working to complete their year of studies. Exams are in Oct. for 8, 10 and 12th grades and Dec for grades 7, 9 and 11. School ends the second week in Dec.
2. Pray that those who continue to make and consume the homemade alcohol which is fueling the violence and destruction in the villages will stop. Pray those contributing to the unrest will be prompted by the Holy Spirit or those ministering to them from the local churches to stop and live with in peace.
3. Pray for the elementary school teachers as they continue to teach. Their classroom was recently damaged by a drunk who used a machete to cut a gash in the metal siding.
4. Pray for the FODE ICT students who will be traveling to Wewak to work with Karie in the coming weeks on computer projects which must be completed before exams. Recently our boat and driver were shot at with slingshots by a nearby village involved in the recent violence.
5. Pray for those injured in the larger fight on June 26th. Their wounds are still healing and there is a lot of bitterness and resentment on both sides of the fight. Both sides are unwilling at this point to admit wrong doing and seek reconciliation.
6. Pray for those who are sick, expectant mothers and injured persons in the villages. There is no quality health care to treat them. Most of the surrounding facilities are quite far away and have limited resources and a poor record of accurate diagnosis and treatment.
7. Pray for Rose Wapan assistant teacher at FODE and Andy Jugan who is taking care of our place and the airstrip while we are out. They are both doing a great job but it is hard without assistance.
8. Pray for Jesse, Karie, and Dr. Beth while we all wait to see how this situation is resolved and if we will be able to get back to the work all want to continue.
9. Pray for the kids (Judah (gr. 11) and Israel (kinder) as they learn to live in town and continue to work at their school work. Israel especially does not understand and is missing his village friends a lot.



FODE Fresh Eggs are Here at Last!

Earlier this year we shared about the chicken project that the school was starting. The laying hens that we sourced have been diligently cared for by the students. With no losses all have reached laying age! The first 134 eggs have already been collected and sold in the local market. The flock have the capacity for 30 eggs a day and should reach that capacity in the coming weeks. We are already looking into a bigger market for the eggs. Students have enjoyed learning how to make the chicken tractors and how to care for them. Now it is time to start to do the books and learn how long it takes before we realize a profit after paying back the initial cost of the chickens and the feed! Great life lessons here.



Life in Wewak

Life in town is different. For us town has always been a necessity but rarely a joy. It is a place to do shopping and catch up on what is going on in the outside world, a place of paperwork and meetings. The only consistent bright spots have been the beach and enjoying time with town friends and other missionaries. Living in town has been and continues to be an adjustment. There is a fence that surrounds the grounds. Leaving that fence is pretty rare. We go shopping, go to church, go to the beach but life pretty much happens inside the fence. This is different from the free and easy life in the village where I could walk 2 miles to my garden and visit with people all along the way. I could sit out in the front yard and chat with neighbors and wander down the next village if I wanted too. The kids are especially feeling the change as afternoons for them included volleyball and soccer with the village kids and for Israel mornings running the village with his group of friends playing. However, they we are finding it easier to get our school work done here and our life is getting much more routine.



Israel and a friend working on the school activity for the day.



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