

## In the Heat of Things!

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While some things have changed, much has remained the same. It is still hot steamy summer here and the work never ends! We arrived back in PNG on April 23 and managed to get a connecting flight into Madang same day for a total of 36 hours travel time! The kids were wiped out and so were we. But all things considering they

traveled very well. We spent two weeks in Madang buying and shipping supplies out to the village and meeting with friends. When we arrived in Samban we were greeted by many happy faces and many new guests, the mosquitoes! Well it is wet season here in the rain forest and it is sticky, steamy and scratchy. That was a rough welcome for the kids who were so excited about being outside a lot. Their legs and arms and necks are covered with bites. And Eli is already down with his first bout of malaria. But thanks to our new water filter at least no stomach problems to report. Jesse has already met with the local village councils to ask their help in clearing the way for the new tractor to come. Also an area wide request for timber has been put out with the same one for you one for me deal. We are milling the timber to reconstruct the bridge that spans our village and the road to the airstrip.

### First Day of School

This week was the first weeks of school for Naleh and me as well. Since we are homeschooling we have allowed Naleh to bring some friends to school as well. Class now has about 8 students. She is doing well and is very enthusiastic. Her friends are a little less so as school is in English and they find it hard to sit and listen. School starts at 9:00 and usually finishes at about 10:30 though I usually have about a half hour of extra work for Naleh after her friends go. Please pray for her continued interest.



### Mr. Fixit

A return to the bush after an extended period of time usually means repair jobs. This time is no exception. After the installation of the new stove and water filter and pump. Jesse started in on repairs to the four-wheeler we used to haul stuff. He is also milling timber for the new bridge and preparing to re-plumb the bathroom and install a new tub maybe one that doesn't leak. He also has a job ahead of him repairing damages to the new classroom from a fallen mango tree.



### **What's Cooking?**

A big thank you to Cookeville Christian Church in Cookeville, TN. Dinner is now done in record time. The new stove has really made my life easier. I love the convenience and appreciate not having to brave the mosquitos just to bake bread.

### **Mrs. Pryor's Helpful Household tips!**

#### **Homemade Pedialyte**

When kids have upset stomach and vomiting we usually use coconut water but the pharmacist here also recommend a rehydration drink such as pedialyte and gave us these simple instructions for making it at home. 5 pinches of sugar to one pinch of salt in a cup of water.

### **Literacy Efforts**

I am putting together another book for the Ap Ma Prep schools they are very simple books in purpose this is a number book for teaching numbers in Ap Ma. I have already done an ABC book and I hope to get a "first words" book done as well.

### **Baby Stuff**

Judah is doing well in his adjustment he is getting used to the constant attention. He has a girl that looks after him for the 2 hours I am doing school and preparing lessons. Usually he is sleeping at this time. He is rolling all over and enjoying his walker a lot

### **Local Church**

It was good to see some new faces in attendance at the local church here in Samban Sunday. Numbers are still low we plan to do a pastor/teacher training and Bible study course in the next 6 months to boost knowledge and moral of the leaders. This will take some preparation and planning as some of the materials are in the crate that has not arrived yet. Please pray for the Sunday school teachers as they try to solve some problems that have prevented them from teaching.



### **This Should be Easy!**

"Don't worry about me I have the guys with me!" There is nothing to fear when you have two of the local men with three foot knives protecting you. Right? Wrong. When coming back from a trip to Wewak on the canoe a rather large python happened into the canoe with Jesse and his men and what do the bush men do? One ran away screaming like a little girl. The other one was at the back near the outboard motor blocked by cargo. Jesse stepped up and chopped its head off it was eaten for dinner last night.

### **Prayer Points**

- Pray for Maso as he juggles family, garden and translation issues.
- Pray for Alus as he continues to help us amidst complaints and grumblings of jealous people.
- Pray for the health of us and the children in particular.
- Pray for wisdom in handling some social issues here.
- Praise the Lord for his strength and mercy as we have come so far safely.
- Praise the Lord for rain which has brought a reprieve from sickness here.
- Pray that the rain might cease in due time to allow for the planting of gardens.

### **Two Three cents from the peanut gallery**

**Naleh 5 1/2**-I am enjoying school with my friends and eating fish and sak sak at Nik and Susan's house!

**Eli 3 1/2**-I like my new shovel to dig in the garden and to play my Clifford games on the computer!

**Judah 5 months**- I am just happy to be here!

