

Papua New Guinea Health Outreach

September 2010



Lunch time!

Armed with two tins of mackerel we made the trip eighty-four kilometers south of Kavieng to see the eels having lunch! The local people keep the creek clean so the eels will return when they smell fish oil in the water. Some of them weigh up to 22 kg! Only in PNG, the land of the unexpected.

The Moriarty family and I had a restful four days in hot and sunny Kavieng, giving us time to visit and pray together, swim and snorkel, and meet some of the local people.

Our stay at the SIL Kavieng Center was a welcome break for me and a chance for Jason and Sheryl to consider moving there.

Our Australian visitors had a fruitful three week stay in PNG and arrived home safely August 25th with lots of stories to tell. Ten people followed Christ through the waters of baptism to start their new life in Him! Tom Bunt and his group are already making plans for their return in 2012.

This weekend we leave for the annual PNG Kibung being held in Alotau. About thirty of us will make the three day trip by boat, following the coast south to Milne Bay Province, stopping a number of times along the coast to drop off and pick up passengers. We're hoping for calm seas. ☺

Our work at the clinic was disrupted last week as our neighbors fled in panic after the murder of a young boy (grade seven). Traditionally, there would have been a "pay-back" killing and houses burned as well (this happened in the same family some years ago). GOD heard and answered our prayers that everyone involved would allow the law to take its course, so, although it's been a very tense time, there has been no other loss of life. I imagine we'll be swamped with sick people tomorrow.

Along the same line one of the stores at our local shopping center burned down a few days ago. Opportunists ransacked most of the other stores in the strip mall, creating havoc. Joanne was on her way to school when the police came with tear gas and machine guns to try and stop the rioters. Everyone ran in panic and at least one innocent bystander was shot. Thankfully, Joanne made it home safely.



Jason, Sheryl, Callum, and Zoie at Jackson's Airport in Port Moresby

Prayers

1. Please remember in prayer the family that lost their son (James Khay family)
2. Bobby, a Grade four student, as he was hit by a car Friday afternoon and sustained a fractured femur, fractured ribs and numerous abrasions. He and his family fellowship with us at MBC
3. Our trip to Alotau and time at the kibung (the theme for our time together is "Come Let Us Worship").
4. The Moriarty family as they travel on to Beijing, China.
5. Clinic staffing

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness in prayer, support, and love! Our patients are grateful for your concern!

I'm really looking forward to seeing most of you (in North America, at least) about a year from now!

Love, in HIM, Velma

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