

JENKINS FAMILY JOURNAL

Benji & Erica Jenkins

Pastoral Training

Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the many pastors that are receiving training right now in PNG.
 - Praise God for 30 youth from the Hagen area that prayed for sanctification recently.
 - Praise God for the growth that we have seen in our Bible college students this year.
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- Pray for some extra financial help to come in the next few months.
 - Pray for our kids as they continue adjusting to life in PNG.
 - Pray for the Bible study that Erica has started with several national women.

In our last newsletter, we told you about the Christian Union Bible College and the different ministries that stem from it. One of the new ministries this year is to do training classes with the pastors in five of our church districts.

Benji has been splitting his time this year between teaching classes at the Bible college, and teaching classes to the pastors. In May and June, he traveled back and forth between the districts teaching for several days in each area. The class that he was teaching had two topics: Cults and Animism. Both of these topics are related in that they are false religions or beliefs that are keeping the church in PNG from growing spiritually. It was a very rewarding time, as the pastors themselves talked about many aspects of their culture and how those things were holding them back. In class, they looked at ways to strengthen a Christian's walk with God while learning to stand up against these sorts of things.

Classes were held in a variety of different venues, from churches to school buildings (below) to individ-



Embi District



Poroma District

ual's houses (above). In several cases, the pastors all stayed together and ate together the entire time. Benji loved the chance to stay there fellowshiping with the pastors

and getting to know them better. Often, there were some great discussions about how to do ministry and how to run the church that happened outside of class time.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the Christian Union Bible College and its different ministries. Please remember our pastors in your prayers also. Many of these men haven't had the opportunity to go to school past the 3rd grade. They are following God's call into ministry, but they are doing it without the necessary resource of an understanding of God's Word or a knowledge of what we believe. Pray for Benji and the other teachers as they travel out to help meet this great need. Pray for the Christian Union Bible College as it works towards meeting the need of training in Papua New Guinea through Bible college classes, pastoral training, women's classes, and literacy.

KID'S UPDATE

Our kids are growing so fast, that it makes my head spin sometimes! Mark & Cameron are now 7 1/2, Chloe will be 5 in a few months, and Henry will be 3 in a few months. Needless to say, our house is never quiet! Mark & Cameron are getting ready to start 2nd grade (being home schooled by Mom), and are typical boys. They love to wrestle, ride their bikes, and build or destroy things. They have made some good friends, some of which are other MKs (Missionary's Kids) and some of which are nationals. One of their friends is Timmony, who is the son of our national teacher at the Christian Union Bible College. The pictures to the left show you some of the other things going on with them right now!

Chloe is excited that she is going to start school with Mom, Mark, and Cameron too. She is going to start doing kindergarten in the next couple of weeks. She still holds the position of Princess in our house, at least in her own mind! She loves to dress up and wear jewelry whenever she can, and loves to take care of her babies.

Henry fits very well into the role of baby of the family. He is so cute that it is hard for us to ever be mad at him. But he does like to try to be independent. He wants to do everything by himself, and then after one try, wants our help again.



Mark



Cameron



Chloe & Henry

ECONOMY

Have you been affected by the economy in the last few years? Of course you have! Who in America hasn't in one way or another? Well, the economy in the States affects us here in PNG also. This is for several reasons:

1. When the US Dollar value goes down, then it changes our exchange rate. That means that when the money we receive in the US is sent to PNG, we get less Kina (PNG money) than we used to. \$100 used to equal K300, but now only equals K220. So we have less money to use for ministry and expenses here in PNG.
2. The economy also affects us

because it affects those of you who are on our support team. Some of you can not afford to contribute at the same level that you used to. Some have even had to stop contributing at all.

Unfortunately, these two things put together affect our ministry financially in a very big way. So what can we do about it?

1. You can pray along with us during this time. Pray that we find ways to work using less funds than we used to. Pray for the others on our support team, that God would help them to be financially stable again.

2. If you are one of those who can no longer contribute at the same level, you can help us find others who would be willing to be a part of our team. Maybe some of your friends or relatives would be willing to step in and take your place in helping to support us financially.

3. If you are able, would you consider helping to fill the void that someone else has left?

No matter what your situation financially, we are so blessed to have you as part of our team!

OUR SCHEDULE:

AUGUST

BENJI TEACHING AT CUBC JUL 11- SEPT 9
BENJI PREACH AT KALA 13 & 14

SEPTEMBER

REGIONAL CONFERENCE 5-9
MISSION MEETINGS 12-17
SCHOOL BREAK 11-25

OCTOBER

BENJI TEACHING IN THE CHURCH DISTRICTS ALL



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