

JENKINS FAMILY JOURNAL

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Praises & Prayer Requests

- Praise God we have all been in good health.
 - Erica has completed the training to become a TEE (Theological Education by Extension) tutor.
 - Benji's opportunities to preach.
 - Benji is feeling more comfortable in the role of teacher
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- Pray for Erica and her friend Priscilla as they begin a discipleship course.
 - Pray for the women who will take part in the marriage class Erica will be teaching.
 - Continue to pray for Benji as he teaches.
 - Pray for our kids.

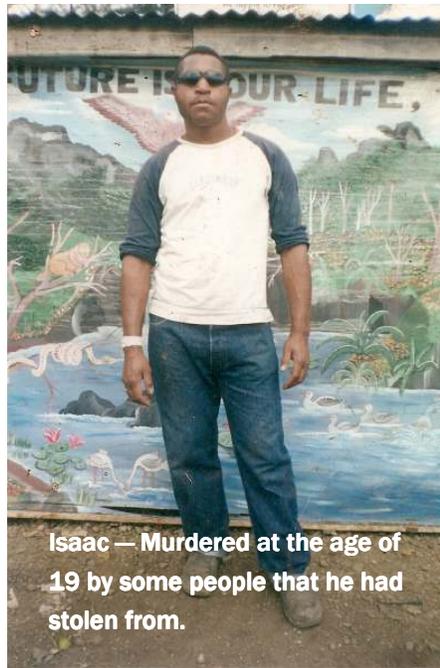
Howie is probably about 10 years old and lives just a little ways down the road from us. Howie goes to school in town until about 3:00 in the afternoon. For the rest of the day, Howie runs around playing, sits at his house, and steals from us. That's right, he steals from other people, but especially us missionaries. The other day I caught Howie red-handed, as he was standing in our yard holding one of our boy's toys. Now, we have a fence all the way around our yard, with a gate that was closed. So Howie had opened the gate, gone clear across the yard to get the toy, and was on his way back when I caught him. First, I told Howie to drop the toy, which he did. Then I told him to leave our yard, which he did. Last I told him never to come into our yard and try to steal anything again. However, it wasn't half an hour later that Howie tried to come back in after the same toy. This time one of the boys from church that knew who Howie was, saw

him and ran him away. I decided that now it was time to talk to his parents. So I walked down to his house, and found only his mother was home. She told me that she had no idea

house the next day and do some yard work to show that he was sorry and to teach him that there are consequences to his actions.

I wish I could tell you that Howie

showed up to our house the next day to work, but he didn't. His mother let him get away with what he was doing this time, and he will probably continue to steal. Unfortunately, Howie is a good example of what happens with the kids and youth here in PNG (Isaac is another example—see the picture in the middle). Because they have nothing else to do, they turn to stealing, drugs, and anything else that they can get their hands on. That is why we so badly need a missionary to come and work with the youth. Please pray for someone to be called to come and fill this need. Pray for us and the other missionaries here as we try to be good examples. And pray for all the 'Howies' that are starting on a downward spiral before they even get to be teenagers.



Isaac — Murdered at the age of 19 by some people that he had stolen from.

that Howie was stealing and that she would stop him from doing it again. But I knew that most times the parents here don't ever discipline their kids and they let them get away with everything. So I suggested that Howie should come to our

OUR KIDS

Our kids continue to drive us crazy, stress us out, make us laugh, make us scratch our heads in confusion, and make us love them even more. Basically, they are

normal kids in every way possible. Cameron and Mark love running and playing outside. They also enjoy running from their new puppy, who they named 'White' (she's

mostly black). They are definitely starting to act like they belong here in PNG. In this picture they are even wearing 'Headman's Hats' which is the type of hat that the

men here wear. They were given these hats by Priscilla (a good friend of ours) for their 3rd birthday.

Chloe is growing up so fast that we can't believe it. She is now 5 months old. She has gotten to the stage where she loves to chew on anything that she can get her hands on. If she can't find anything else, then she just chews on her hand! You can always tell it by the



Erica & Chloe

slobery wet spot that she has on her clothes. She is also starting to take less naps during the day, but for longer at a time. This gives Erica bigger blocks of time to work on other things.



Cameron & Mark with Priscilla

* If you have an e-mail address, please let us know so that we can save on postage. Thanks!

LEARNING TOK PISIN

We thought that we would start to teach you some words in Tok Pisin, the trade language in PNG. So this time we will learn about the word *Bel Isi* (pronounced Bell Easy). *Bel* is the word that they use for their stomach and its contents. But it is also where their emotions

stem from (as opposed to the heart). So they relate to God through their *bel*. *Isi* means to be calm, peaceful, or easy. As with most of their words, it can be used many different ways. When you put the two together, they form one phrase that means 'peaceful' or to be at peace.

This phrase is important to us, because very few of the nationals know what it is like to have the kind of *Bel Isi* that only God can give. Pray that we will be able to show them the way to have a God-given peaceful heart.

OUR SCHEDULE:

MAY

TRAVEL TO UKARAMPA, MANDANG, & LAE	1-14
BENJI'S EVANGELISM CLASS	15-8 (OF JUNE)
PREACH @ KETA	27
PREACH @ TIKI	31

JUNE

TERM 3 CLASSES @ BIBLE COLLEGE	25-20 (OF JULY)
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ERICA STARTS A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WITH THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

JULY

HOST VOLUNTEERS AIDEN & MEL SMITH	19-1 (OF AUGUST)
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