

## JENKINS FAMILY JOURNAL

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## GOING OUT!

## Praises &amp; Prayer Requests

- Praise God for the safe travel of Erica & the kids to the US
  - Praise God for the wonderful friends that he has given us over the last two years.
  - Praise God for the lives & witness of the students that will be graduating from CUBC
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- Pray for Erica & baby.
  - Pray for our kids.
  - Pray for our support to come in quickly so that we can get back to the ministry that God has for us.
  - Pray for the Regional Pastor's Conference in September.

One of the most rewarding things that I (Benji) have gotten to be involved with as the Principal of our Bible College (CUBC), is taking the students out on ministry trips.

Most of our students come to CUBC to learn how to be pastors, and that is what most of them will do after they graduate. So in our classes we focus on pastoral ministries and Bible (theological) training. But we feel that classroom training is not enough. So this year I have traveled with groups of students as they did ministry in each of our 5 church districts.

These trips are typically Friday through Monday, usually with at least a five hour drive one way. The students take turns preaching on Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday night, Sunday morning, and Sunday night. In each service one of them gives a testimony before they (as a group) sing a special



song. In between services the students spend time with potential students for the college, encouraging them and answering their questions about the college. The students also get a chance to check out possible areas/churches that they could be involved in after they graduate.

Those are the things that are pre-planned to happen. But God has used these trips to give me a chance to teach the students, and for the students to minister to me. Inevitably, our discussions will turn to ministry or some perplexing question they have about a verse from the Bible. I believe that

these discussions are planned by God to give me a chance to share (in a personal setting) with the students.

On these trips we have done a wide variety of things and experienced many new things. Sometimes we sleep in wood & metal houses, but

we have also slept in bush (grass) houses and even on the floor of a bush church. Sometimes we drive right up to the churches, other times we have crossed vine bridges (once we crossed a river with no bridge. The water was almost to my waist) and hiked for two hours to get to a church. But always have we felt God's presence as we ministered to others and were ministered to by others.

Please pray for the 5 students that are going to graduate from CUBC in November. Pray that God will show them what ministry He has in store for them.

## THE KIDS

All three of our kids are, without question, blessings from God. Does that mean they are perfect? Of course not! But we love watching them develop into who God has planned for them to be.

Chloe (top picture) gets more independent every day. She wants to do all the same things that her brother's do and is learning rather quickly how to do them. She especially is learning how to speak by listening to them (She says 'no' very well!). It seems like she is constantly using new words that we haven't heard her use before. She is definitely used to being the baby of the family, which is going to change soon. So we will see how she does with that.

Mark and Cameron have really enjoyed the preschool that they were attending here before they left. The picture of them here shows them with their friends from school (Mark is in the front and Cameron is in the back). Going back to the US is going to be a very huge adjustment to them as they will now be attending a preschool with predominately white kids. Something they are not used to!

Please pray for each of our kids as they make the adjustment to living in the US and as they are leaving their friends behind. Also pray for Erica and 'number 4' during the last few months of pregnancy.



## GOING 'HOME' FOR HMA

It's really hard to believe that two years have come and gone already. As you all know, we are MDs (Missionary Disciples). This meant that we would do a two year term before we continue on as fully appointed Missionaries.

We arrived in Mt. Hagen on September 10th, 2006. It is now two years later and time for us to return to the States for our HMA (Homeland Ministry Assignment). These last two years have been the toughest years of our lives. But we are so thankful that God has helped us to not only persevere, but to prosper. You see, these years were tough, only because God was working in our lives to change and mold us to be able to succeed in the ministry

that he wanted us to do. So He stretched us, pulled us, prodded us, and then showed us what He had in store for us. And what He had in store was an amazing ministry that we love so much that we don't want to leave.

But even though we don't want to leave, we must continue to follow God's plan. And in order for us to continue His ministry here in PNG, we need to recruit teammates from over there in the US. So we are going to be starting HMA in October, after we meet with the WGM Board.

Because Erica is expecting again (the end of November), she and the kids traveled on back to the US on the 12th of August. Benji

is staying until September 20th, to finish teaching a class, take two ministry trips, and be involved with the Church's Pastors' Conference (Among other things).

So please pray for us as we make the transition back to the US, and as we are raising our support. Also pray as to how God would like you to be involved in His ministry here in PNG.

We will do our best to contact and meet with each of you and fill you in on what God has been doing in our lives. But don't wait for us to contact you. Please come and see us or send us an email. Talk to you soon!

### OUR SCHEDULE:

#### SEPTEMBER

**BENJI TEACHING ETHICS CLASS** AUG 11-15

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE** 8-11

**TRAVEL TO THE US (BENJI)** 20 - 21

#### OCTOBER

**@ WGM BOARD MEETING** 17-18

**OCU SI MEETING** 30

#### NOVEMBER

**BENJI IN PNG FOR CUBC GRADUATION** 12-25

**CUBC GRADUATION** 21

**ERICA'S DUE DATE** DEC 5



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