

Dear Prayer Warriors:

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen (Ephesians 3:20–21). These verses have come to my mind often as I have reflected on what the Lord has done for me during the month of June. In the span of ten days, I heard from three churches and one family that promised new support to me. This outpouring of God’s gracious provision is truly a blessing that I do not deserve, but God in His love chose to provide it for me—to **Him** be the glory! Because I am now at full support (in fact, 102 percent), I have been able to cancel six meetings in Idaho and Colorado and have purchased a ticket to return to Papua New Guinea on September 8, 2008. Thank you for your faithful prayers during this furlough. God has heard and abundantly answered!

June was filled with lots of fellowship and great opportunities for learning. I had a wonderful week with other missionaries at the GFA Family Conference at The WILDS Camp and Conference Center near Brevard, North Carolina. We had times of learning from God’s Word along with time for fun and sharing. From North Carolina I traveled west, first stopping to visit family for a few days in Nebraska and then moving on to Colorado. I was able to attend a one-day free seminar on Accordance software for Bible study. I have been using the software for several years and do like it. What a treat it was to discover new and amazing things that the software can do as I study God’s Word. The last two weeks were spent at PILAT. This acronym stands for “Program In Language Acquisition Techniques.” This was held at Missions Training International in Palmer Lake, Colorado. The area reminded me of PNG. I thoroughly enjoyed needing to wear a jacket/sweater in the cool summer mornings. The class was very good and really exceeded my expectations! I feel that it gave me a new understanding of language learning as well as a notebook (and head) full of ideas to use in PNG. As I head back to Papua New Guinea, I plan to begin learning the language of the people of Aibai, the village where I reside. Currently I communicate in Melanesian Pidgin (or *Tok Pisin*) as I teach, disciple, and train the nationals; but *Tok Pisin* is a trade/second language and not the heart/first language of the people. It is my desire and goal to learn the heart language of the people, which should open new doors for understanding the culture and communicating with the people. While at PILAT, I was put into the group that was learning Mandarin Chinese. I can understand some words and phrases at this point, but please do not expect to hear any fluent Chinese from my mouth any time soon. It was a very fun learning experience, plus I made some new friends. There were 35 other missionaries in the class going to countries all over the world.

During early July, I will be enjoying some family time in Nebraska. July 14–24, I will help at Red Cliff Bible Camp near Pinedale, Wyoming. I am grateful for the opportunity to speak twice each week to the campers and help them “explore” the mission field of Papua New Guinea. Also, once each week I will speak to the leadership team on missions and be able to challenge them to serve the Lord. After my ten days at camp, I plan to head back to Greenville, South Carolina, where I will pack and prepare for my September departure. At the end of August, I will enjoy a short vacation with some family.

May our Lord help each of us to keep pressing on in this world that needs to know Jesus Christ and His salvation, *for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption* (Psalm 130:7).

In the wonderful name of Jesus,

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ❖ The Lord’s guidance as I prepare for the sessions of speaking at Red Cliff Bible camp and His use of my words to bring glory to the name of Jesus.
- ❖ Safety and sweet fellowship with the Lord over these last months as I still have about 5000 miles to travel alone in the car.
- ❖ Wisdom in all things as I pack and prepare for my September 8 departure.
- ❖ Grace from above for learning the heart language of the people of my village in Papua New Guinea.

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