



Dear Prayer Warriors:

Lots of dust, lots of rain, red-stained teeth and sidewalks, throngs of people, groups of people in native dress, lush green mountains and valleys, and precious friendly faces greeting me—these are just a few things I encountered in the last month. Greetings to you from Papua New Guinea once again! God undertook and brought me safely back to PNG on September 11. I was able to stay in Goroka a few days to buy supplies; then I traveled back to the remote bush area on September 16. It was a real treat to figure out the technology of Skype while in Goroka. I was able to talk to my family over my computer, as well as receive some help for setting up my email through a company in California. Using Skype is a treat that I will be able to enjoy only while in a city with internet access. I do not have that luxury back here in the bush. But I praise the Lord that we do have email access and that I can send this prayer letter out to you via that route.

When I arrived back in Aibai (the small village I call home here in the bush), things were in full swing for some special meetings at the church in Kilau where we minister. The folks at Rapture Baptist Church in Kilau were able to build a new and bigger building with their own funds over the last 1½ years. This is always a good reason to celebrate. So they invited people from 22 churches here in the Simbu province and hosted five days of revival-type services. There were 253 visitors representing all 22 churches invited. On the last day of the meetings, the church held a baptismal service at which 20 people followed the Lord in obedience to His commands in Scripture. They have given public testimony to their faith in Christ, and the evil one is seeking to destroy this. Please pray that the Lord will help those who were baptized to stand strong for Him and that he will protect them in the trials/temptations that will inevitably come.

After a short adjustment period and getting my house settled, I have been delighted to resume serving the Lord here in the bush. I have seen patients at the clinic for their physical therapy needs, resumed teaching religious instruction class at one local elementary school, and begun discipleship with two ladies, and I will begin teaching Sunday school again very soon. In just a few weeks, I will also begin a literacy class to teach people how to read and write in Melanesian pidgin. I have 13 people from Kilau and 9 people from Aibai who have expressed interest. So if everyone pays the fee, the class could be one of my biggest. Please pray that the Lord will give much wisdom as I prepare and that He will provide the fees for exactly whom He would have in the class this session. This Melanesian pidgin language has changed so much over my nine years of experience and is being more and more influenced with English words. This is good in some ways because it can make explanations a bit easier, but it also adds a real challenge to those whose first language is really the local village language (which is very different from pidgin), while pidgin is their second language. Also, it looks as though I will have quite an age spread in the class. This always adds an interesting dimension, since the younger ones usually catch on more quickly. I just need a measure of God's all-sufficient grace for every class I prepare for and teach.

Many thanks to each of you for your prayers. God is faithful and does hear and answer our prayers. May we serve and give thanks to *Him* with our whole heart in the coming days!

Because of Christ,
Belinda Richter

God's protection and a multitude of blessings were evident during my year of furlough.

Praise the Lord:

- For His protection as I traveled 32,500 miles during my one year of furlough, without any car issues that prevented me from getting to where I needed to be.
- For His provision of a wonderful van to use for my furlough travel and especially for the safety God gave as I returned the van to the Florida panhandle during a hurricane.
- That I was not charged any extra/overweight baggage fees as I traveled back to PNG. Also, praise Him that most of the boxes I sent have arrived safely and with very little customs duty charges.
- For His help and grace during two weeks of teaching kids at Red Cliff Bible Camp in late July.
- For a wonderful family vacation in August.

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