

The Thyngs

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Home! Sweet Home!

Dear Family and Friends,

We arrived back home in PNG on the 7th of May and have loved getting involved in our ministries again. Dan began teaching math classes to the Pidgin and English students the week after we arrived. The purpose of the math class was to train our future pastors in church finance and budgeting. This term was an accelerated term with class hours doubled, and he just finished last week. The students all seemed to enjoy the class and will hopefully benefit from it in the future.

The next term will not start until the end of August, and we plan to spend these next weeks up at Hosanna Baptist getting things ready for the building team coming from our home church, Johnston Chapel. Dan has been milling all of the timber he cut back in January and will be fixing a bridge on the road and laying the foundation over the next few weeks. We are so excited about the team of ten people, eight men and two women, coming in August. They'll be staying about ten days, and we know we'll have such a wonderful time of fellowship with these familiar faces! We would deeply appreciate your prayers for these kind people who have sacrificed money and vacation time to build the church and pastor's house at Hosanna. The folks at Hosanna are thrilled about the project and have been working for months. There is much work to be done and little time to do it!

As of next week, Amy will begin running the school library. Rich and Marcia Ernst were missionaries here in PNG for over 35 years and have been back this last year to help out with the needs at the college. Marcia has gotten the library back in perfect, working order and is leaving next week. The library is an excellent resource for our future pastors of PNG. We are so thankful for these precious folks who have served so selflessly for many, many years, and we will deeply miss them.

Our third and fourth year students are on internships right now in churches throughout the country. This is a great opportunity for them to get on-the-job training. Many of them are experiencing the challenges and hardships of ministry. Serving in the ministry in PNG requires

many sacrifices. Thank you for your prayers for them as they learn valuable lessons in life and ministry.

We seem to be in the midst of a drought right now and haven't had rain in about two months! For us, this means no water in our water tanks. (Thankfully, we can buy water from town and have it delivered for times like this. God has used faithful supporters to supply us with the funds for this.) But for our PNG friends, this means low water levels in the rivers with increased concentration of bacteria, decreased food supply, and tons of dust on the roads as they go to and from town. We'd greatly appreciate it if you'd all ask God to send some rain our way!

We continue to update our blogs at thyng.abwe.org on a weekly basis if you want to stay up to date with our lives more frequently. Thank you for your faithfulness to our ministry in every way!

Love, Dan, Amy, Tyler, Kate, Claire & Ben

P.S. The kids have loved being back home. Ben is growing quickly. He's started to laugh out loud and is a very content and happy baby. Claire turned two last month!

Additional Prayer Requests and Praises: Please pray for...

1. The organization of Hosanna Baptist Church.
2. The great need for additional missionaries with ABWE in PNG (Kerowagi in particular).
3. Planning and finances for the Johnston Chapel building team in August.
4. Daily strength for life without Tyler.
5. Our individual relationships with Jesus Christ and each other.
6. Continued good health for Ben as we live in PNG.
7. Praise God for the container of medical supplies on the way to PNG from the U.S. Thank you to all who gave.
8. 3rd and 4th year student practicals (internships) in local churches throughout PNG for term 2.
9. Please pray for students' school fees for the final term of the school year at GBBC.
10. Praise God for some rain this afternoon after Amy composed the mail prayer letter above.
11. Please continue to pray for rain for drinking water, cooking water, and garden production.
12. Praise God for bringing in the funds for the John Deere tractor and equipment for GBBC food production and grounds maintenance.
13. Praise God for providing all the necessary funds for the new staff house. It will be built this year.

