



**Mission:** Providing medical and educational support in Papua New Guinea with New Tribes Mission. We returned to PNG for our current 4-year term in July 2007. Bud is a doctor at the NTM Medical Clinic and Bonnie teaches first grade at Numonohi Christian Academy, the NTM boarding school.

**Term 2 finishes with the Polar Express...**

This is always a busy time at NCA with Christmas programs, parties and holiday activities. On the last day before Christmas break, the Grade



One class came to our house where Bonnie read them The Polar Express. They enjoyed watching our G-scale trains before caroling around the center. Bonnie found that the kids, from all different cultures, had lots of different Christmas traditions.



**Bonnie's mother, Doris Carroll, passes...**

Bonnie's mother went home to be with the Lord on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She was a Wheaton University graduate and had a BSN from Johns Hopkins Univ. She raised five children and had nine grandchildren. She spent many hours driving Bonnie to Bud's football games back in high school. She always supported our missionary work. It was her desire that Bonnie stay and continue teaching rather than go home during her final days, so Bonnie stayed and finished the term. Thank you all for your prayers and loving support of Bonnie and her family through this difficult time.



**Visiting student from Washington ...**

It is always our pleasure to have students spend time with us at the clinic. Justin is finishing his undergraduate studies and was able to spend a month in the clinic. He was able to see how we support tribal evangelism. It will be great to see how God uses him in the future.

**Medical trip to Mouk...** While Bud was providing routine medical care for our missionaries in New Britain in November, he had the opportunity to fly out to Mouk, where the film "EE-taou" was made. While the nurses gave immunizations, Bud spent a day working with the healthcare worker there and caring for ill patients



**You have to stay flexible...** On an early Sunday

morning in October, a call came from a missionary about his 17YO son, Bill. He'd had 24 hours of abdominal pain that started in his upper abdomen, but moved down to his right lower belly. It was clear that he had appendicitis. His pain suddenly decreased when they got to the clinic indicating that his appendix had ruptured. We started looking for a plane to take him to a surgeon in Australia. Our plane was disassembled as it was undergoing annual maintenance. Our back-up is usually the Wycliffe Bible Translators' plane; however, Bud's partner, Kevin, had used them to take a patient down to Australia with severe pancreatitis the day before. They had exceeded their flight hours and had a mandatory 24 hour rest period, so they couldn't return. MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) has a twin Otter, but the plane has to refuel on a small non-inhabited island north of Australia. MAF could not contact anyone there, so we couldn't be sure that we



could get fuel. Our next option was a commercial medevac company, but the insurance company balked at the \$75,000 cost. We had spent 8 hours trying to arrange a flight to no avail. By this point, Bill's temperature was going up, his



blood pressure was decreasing, and his abdominal pain was worsening significantly despite large doses of antibiotics and IV fluids. Bud was finally able to contact Dr Jim Radcliffe from the Nazarene Hospital at Kudjip, which is a mission hospital that serves the local national population in the Mt. Hagen area. We loaded Bill into my Land Cruiser and took him to the airport. Our helicopter was able to drop him, his mother, and Natalie (our nurse) off. Dr Radcliffe removed his ruptured appendix and cleaned out his abdomen. Bill did well and everyone returned home a week later.

**Traveling challenges....**

On a recent visit to our missionary team in North Wahgi, we came to a bridge that had been stripped of the wood planking. A group of local villagers was there charging to "assist" (charge) travelers who got stuck on the bridge or stream. So Bud had to ford the stream and he was





very glad that he had a 4-wheel drive Land Cruiser. Many thanks to all who helped us purchase the Land Cruiser back in 2004; it has served us very well with the difficult PNG "roads."

**"My leg is swollen"...** On a Sunday afternoon in November, a local politician knocked on our door complaining that his left leg had been swollen for a couple days. With the ultrasound, Bud was able to see a large clot in his femoral vein. Due to the risk that the clot would break free and cause a pulmonary embolus, Bud put him on blood thinners. He has been coming back to the clinic for routine follow-up. His leg swelling has nearly resolved and he is feeling better.



**Sadie Hawkins Dinner...** Every October, the student council at NCA puts on a dinner for the students. This year's theme was Medieval, so the students all dressed up in medieval costumes. Here you can see Josh and his queen all dressed up. If you'd like to see more about the school and dinner, you can check it out at [www.mmol.org/NCA](http://www.mmol.org/NCA).

**"I've been tired for years"...** Janet, an older PNG woman, was brought to our clinic from a distant village by her family due to chronic fatigue and inability to climb hillsides and work her garden. She had a loud heart murmur and rub. Bud was able to look at her heart with the ultrasound and it showed a large collection of fluid around the heart in the pericardial sac. Fortunately it appeared that it had been there for a long time, so Bud didn't need to remove the fluid. But sadly there are no cardiologists to whom Bud can send this woman. However, Bud will continue to treat her with anti-inflammatories and continue to look for underlying causes.



**New Phone number:** Please note that PNG Telikom (our national telephone company) has changed the telephone network. This changes our phone number to 011-675-531-4532. However with PNG changes, if the new number doesn't work, try the old one of 011-675-731-4532.

**Mouk reaching out to adjoining Lusi tribe...** Rick & Anji Zook are working with Mouk teachers to reach out to the Lusi tribe. Rick grew up in the Mouk tribe in the 80's and returned to PNG five years ago with his family. Please pray for them and the Mouk teachers. Patrik and Kevin are two Mouk believers who have moved into the Lusi tribe with their families and the Zooks to take God's Word to them. Patrik, Kevin and Anji are currently teaching a literacy course so the Lusi people will be prepared when they begin to get portions of the Bible in their language.

## Financial Report:

Required monthly support: \$5,845  
Pledged monthly support: \$5,795 (99.5%)

### Praise and Thanks:

**-For those who generously donated equipment and supplies.** We recently have had two large gifts which should put us very close to what we need to purchase a digital x-ray reader. This will decrease the expense associated with buying film and chemicals. It will also greatly reduce the time associated with medical visa approvals to Australia. Currently it takes six weeks; that should be reduced to several days.  
-Donation to help with the purchase of a new electrocardiograph machine. EKG's are very valuable in the evaluation of chest pain. Our old machine stopped working. After it is repaired, it will serve as a back-up.

### Prayer Requests:

-Digital x-ray reader purchase.  
-Career teachers for the school are needed in science, math, music, art, and English.  
-Career nurses and staff for the clinic. Several short-term nurses are interested in coming for short periods of time.  
-Shirley F will be coming in February to work in the clinic as an office manager for a year. She will be doing a lot of important projects that we've put off for some time.  
-We are researching implementing a hospital information system (electronic health records). It is more complicated than Bud originally thought and a large amount of homework will need to be done before proceeding.  
-Direction for Josh as he prepares for life after graduation in 2011.  
-Bonnie has been working hard in preparation for the next school term, which will start on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.  
-NTM will renew all of our work permits over the next three months; this procedure must be done every three years. This has become very complicated with frequent delays causing a "travel blackout" from January through May. We are hoping to take a family trip to Australia in June 2010; if visa renewals are not completed, we'll have to cancel our trip. It also affects our patients going to Australia for medical procedures.  
-Josh will have a busy year; he'll be adding a correspondence course (Algebra II) and is getting ready for Softball season.

This is the NCA junior class. They have been very busy fundraising to prepare for senior year expenses such as "Senior Sneak" and graduation. They are half way through, but still have a lot of work to do. Two of their classmates are on furlough. Alicia has just returned this month. The whole class met her at the airport to welcome her back to PNG.



Josh built a guitar stand out of a tropical wood called uma in Industrial Arts class. It involved wood turning on the lathe and some complex joinery. He has made several great projects this past year and is really enjoying himself.