

Morton Messenger-Feb 2012

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Mission: Providing medical and educational support in Papua New Guinea with New Tribes Mission. Bud is a doctor at the NTM Medical Clinic and Bonnie teaches first grade at Numonohi Christian Academy, the NTM boarding school. Our second Home Assignment goes from 07/11-06/12.

Sharing "Teamwork in PNG"... It has been a great joy to be able to return to many of our supporting churches this year. We have stressed the need for teamwork as we accomplish reaching unreached tribal groups in PNG.

We have been in New Jersey and New York on multiple trips in the past few months. We have been able to share many meals together with our cherished long-term friends as well as new friends (seen above is a group of friends from Newfield, NJ).



We are excited when children and adults show an interest in what God is doing in PNG such as this young lady in Conklin, NY. It is great to be able to challenge men, women, and children to use their skills and abilities to assist in what God is doing in Papua New Guinea.

Bonnie attends MACSA and visits schools... Bonnie had the opportunity to attend the Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association convention in November. She attended a variety of different workshops on differentiated instruction, teaching second language learners and a fun workshop on teaching boys. Her former professor, Dr Vasso (seen to the right with Bonnie) was one of the instructors.

Bonnie has spent a lot of time online reviewing the new Language Arts curriculum that she'll use at NCA next year. Bonnie enjoyed spending 2 days at a Christian School in First Grade. She got lots of new ideas and inspiration from Ms Sayers! Bonnie continues to purchase items such as books, teacher resources, and bulletin board supplies.



Working at Elmer Family Practice... For the 3rd year (over the past twelve), Bud is working part-time at Elmer Family Practice for 3-4 days every other week. He is adjusting well to electronic health records, but still works more slowly than the

other providers. He greatly appreciates their patience and assistance as he gets back up to speed with US medicine.

Getting equipment and supplies ... As technology improves, equipment becomes smaller and more accessible. Bud has evaluated various pieces of new equipment to see whether it can help us provide better and cost-effective care. Bud has purchased some new equipment for the clinic. One of our nurses has contacts within a medical supply company, which is considering donating some supplies. Other supplies will have to be purchased and all the supplies will need to be shipped to PNG.

Urgent NTM Aviation needs... The terrain in PNG has made air travel a necessity. There have been multiple key personnel who have left PNG, which has left key positions unfilled. This affects our medical evacuation flights as well as the commercial status with the Civil Aviation Authority in Papua New Guinea. Please pray that God will raise up a new King Air C90 pilot for our medevacs as well as additional senior staff for our New Tribes Mission Aviation PNG program.



Updating education while in PNG... People commonly ask how Bud keeps up to date while in PNG. Bud is purchasing a collection of different ultrasound DVD's and other medical lectures. He will also be able to watch these repeatedly over time while walking on his treadmill. He is also purchasing different electronic texts, lectures, and programs which will be portable and usable on his laptop or iPad while traveling around PNG.

Recruiting from home... As missionaries retire, there is a need to replace them. Bud has talked with multiple nurses, who are considering short-term work (from 1-4 years). There will be an urgent need for an office manager and front office help this coming summer as well as long-term needs for all positions.

Need for a new storage building... Dear friends have allowed us to use their storage building for the past ten years, but that building will not be available in the future. Friends at our church will allow us to place a storage building on their property, so we must purchase a storage building, seal it well, and install shelves after doing the site preparation.





Josh returns to CU after Christmas... It was great to have Josh home for Christmas break, but he was ready to head back to school on Jan 20th. He did very well in his first semester at Cornerstone University. Josh's address is Box 2278, 1001 East Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. His e-mail

address is Joshua.morton@cornerstone.edu. He is very grateful to all of you who remembered him this Christmas with gifts and cards!

Home repairs... Multiple repair items have come up in our home. This items will require a fair amount of time to address before we head back to PNG in June.

Work in N Wahgi and on Biem Island... Over the past 4 months, the missionary team in N. Wahgi (in the Western Highlands province) presented the Creation to Christ lessons and had a very good response. The team on Biem Island have completed their language study; over the next 6-12 months, they will teach literacy and prepare to teach the Creation to Christ lessons. Please pray for these missionary teams and the men and women in these language groups as they hear the truth of the Gospel for the very first time in their own heart language.

Financial Report:

Required monthly support: \$6,320.
Pledged monthly support: \$5,825 (92%)

Praise and Thanks:

- Josh has recovered well from the malaria he had in the fall.
- Great meetings and safe travel.
- God is meeting all of our needs; thank you all who have given generously so that our needs are met.
- It's great to have a fast internet connection while home so we can both do research and education.

Prayer Requests:

- Several pieces of equipment, such as some portable sleep apnea monitoring equipment, and other supplies are needed. As we purchase equipment, we need to make wise decisions so that the equipment is helpful and not a burden over time.
- Shipping costs of medical supplies and equipment as well as personal baggage to PNG this fall.
- For protection through all of our travels.
- For new King Air C90 pilots and senior aviation personnel.
- For continuing medical education expenses.
- Bud needs to take Civil Aviation Medicine course in Melbourne, Australia. The course in July, which would fit well with our travelling, is full. Bud is on the waiting list for the next course in November-Dec 2012.
- Josh would like to enlist in the US Marine Corps Reserve in the summer of 2012; but they are questioning his NCA diploma.
- Office manager, lab tech, and front office personnel needed.
- That God will continue to touch hearts for what He is doing in Papua New Guinea. We need people, prayers, and soft hearts.
- Career teachers and dorm parents for NCA.

Preparing to return to PNG... We will return to PNG in 4-5 months, so we are purchasing items we need for our PNG home, the school, and the clinic, as well as getting new passports. We will need to reapply for work permits and visas, which should be straight forward.

Some larger costs will include airfare, shipping supplies and belongings, Civil Aviation Medicine course, and a storage shed and site preparation. Please contact us if you'd like further information on these needs.



The winter weather has been beautiful after 4 years in the tropics, but driving in the ice and snow has been challenging. Bonnie enjoyed showing off her PNG garb in front of a snow-covered tree in Syracuse.

Having a "kid-friendly" display allows us to grab the attention of children (young and old). It is great to see children develop an interest in unreached tribes and cultures.

