



Luther & Martha Smith

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

September 2012

Dear Pastor & Praying Friends,

Once again we are glad to send this prayer letter to all our interested friends and praying partners. We are of course busy and there is seldom a dull moment. I suppose all fields of service for the Lord are the same and full of surprises.

The Lord blessed the Men's Retreat in Bulolo with several men being saved and others strengthened in the Lord. Thank you for praying!

Martha's "Train the Trainers" course in Australia went well. She said that she had to "burn the midnight oil" most nights, but the results were worthwhile. She received her certificate and is now qualified to train others in our area. She returned home encouraged in the work, as well as meeting many new friends from other parts of the world, and even got to know many principals from PNG that before were only names. It was a good time for her.

One of our surprises awaited us the morning after Martha returned to Lae. We received a phone call stating our house had been robbed of most of our home electronics and kitchen appliances. We immediately packed up and headed back to Wau, as we expected them to try again that night. The police promised to look into the matter, but that was on July 3, and of yet no progress. We rejoice that no one was hurt and our "security" dog was not killed. Our whole town is experiencing a crime wave with young criminals having a "field day" robbing and looting. Pray for our continued love and patience.

On a happier note, a new Baptist church was opened and dedicated to the Lord in the Garaina area in July. A recent graduate of our Bible school, Gabriel, has started this work. At the opening of the church there were seven baptized and three others saved.

Please be in much prayer for a meeting that will take place September 12-16 here in Wau. The

annual National Pastors Meeting will begin the week and the culmination of the meeting will be on Sunday, the 16th, when Wau Baptist Church will celebrate their 50th Anniversary. This church began in 1962, with Charles Moseley and family. Since then the ministry has continued to grow and reach throughout the entire island. Please pray for this meeting as they are expecting several thousand to attend.

Please pray for Martha's father, Junior Campbell. He was diagnosed in July and confirmed that he has prostate cancer, which has gone into his pelvis bones. Treatments began in August. Doctors say that this treatment is better than ever, and prognosis is favorable.

Please continue to pray for our vehicles. We have been putting money aside to purchase a newer used vehicle. In December 2011 my Toyota Hylux—pickup truck was put into the shop for the engine to be overhauled. Well, it is still in the shop and should be ready soon?! My fear is the expense. Please pray for this great need.

Time has come for another 6-month furlough. We plan to return stateside in February 2013 and will return the first of August. Please contact me if you desire for us to be in your church and we will do our best to be in as many churches as possible. Please contact us via email.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our ministry here. May God continue to bless you in His service.

Yours for Papua New Guinea,