



Luther & Martha Smith

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

May 2013

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We want to thank everyone for your continued prayer for the ongoing work in Papua New Guinea. Although we are now in the States for a brief furlough, the work there goes on for the glory of Christ. Please remember to pray for the churches and pastors there. Pastor Tania Tia is in declining health and needs our prayers. Also the Wau Baptist Church will be seeking a new pastor by the end of this year when Pastor Tia officially retires. The Bible school is progressing with several new families attending.

We have recently been very blessed with several exceptional meetings. These have been so uplifting and the encouragement will remain with us for a long time. One such meeting was with Pastor Pittman of Temple Baptist Church in Herndon, VA! Being with deputation missionaries to Egypt and Mongolia was a joy and encouragement for us all.



One of the blessings of furlough—Mission Conferences

We have two special projects that we are praying for. First is the need for a better vehicle on the field. Please pray that the Lord will touch hearts to help with this great need. **If you feel led to assist in this project, just mark as Car Fund.** Also we are building a small apartment onto our house for Karen Marvin to live and be close to the school. She hopes to be on the field working with us by mid-2014. **If you feel led to contribute with this building project, just mark funds “KM Apartment.”** We know the Lord will use her greatly with our students, teachers and church.

Another blessing while home has been to visit our children and grandkids. We have had several good visits with our boys and their families. In June we travel to Florida to see our daughter and her girls. We have 9 grand children (8 girls and 1 boy) with another one on the way! It has been wonderful to store up these precious memories to hold dear to our hearts while serving in Papua New Guinea.

Special Prayer Requests:

- ❖ New support needed due to devaluation of US\$
- ❖ Safety while traveling—continued good health
- ❖ Bible School
- ❖ Selection of new pastor at Wau Baptist Church in 2013
- ❖ Growth and steadfastness of Youths in Wau
- ❖ Martha’s Dad, Junior Campbell—4th chemo treatment ends on May 17—pray for good results on May 31
- ❖ Team Missionary, Karen Marvin, on deputation to raise support to join us in 2014
- ❖ Pastor Tania Tia—failing health

Answer Prayers:

- ❖ **Permanent Resident Visa APPROVED!!**

**Please make note of our new email address is lnmsmith@smiths2png.com. Our mobile phone number while stateside is (757) 298-4177.

We rejoice in what the Lord is doing for us here in the States, as well as in Papua New Guinea. Thank you for allowing us to be your ambassadors.

Yours for Papua New Guinea,

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