



Luther & Martha Smith

Missionaries to Papua New Guinea

September 2013

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We are very thankful to have arrived safely back into the country of Papua New Guinea. Our furlough time was good, but it's a real blessing to be back here again serving the Lord on the mission field. Jim and Mary Blume, our co-workers, met us at the airport. After a few days of shopping in Lae, they drove us to Wau. Soon after our arrival, we began to unpack, sort and set up our house and office preparing to get back into the work.

What joy we have been blessed with since arriving. First, our permanent resident visas were stamped into our passports and we are now officially PNG Residents. Our visas are good until 2022, when they will be reissued in our new passports. No more renewing visas every 3 years!!! Thank you for praying. Then we have been able to see all of our friends here again, and to get back into the work where the Lord has called us. These all bring great joy to our hearts.

But with the joy there also came tears. On August 30, Pastor Tania Tia went home to be with the Lord after a long illness. My heart was blessed as he called for me to be with him after our return, which encouraged him and brought him joy to see me home again. On that last Friday morning, I was told he wanted to see me. I put my arms around him and prayed with him and within the hour he had gone home to see his Saviour! His funeral will be on September 13, and I have been asked to be the main speaker. Yours prayers for the family would be greatly appreciated.



Tania Tia, pastor of Wau Baptist Church since 1978

There are several special projects 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.

Special Prayer Requests:

- ❖ New support needed due to devaluation of US\$
- ❖ Pastor Tania Tia's Family
- ❖ Bible School
- ❖ Selection of new pastor at Wau Baptist Church
- ❖ Growth and steadfastness of Youths in Wau
- ❖ Martha's Dad, Junior Campbell—Chemo stopped and a new chemo tablets begun—PRAY!
- ❖ Team Missionary, Karen Marvin, on deputation to raise support to join us in 2014—at 80%

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We rejoice in what the Lord is going to do for us here in Papua New Guinea. Thank you for allowing us to be your ambassadors.

Yours for Papua New Guinea,

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