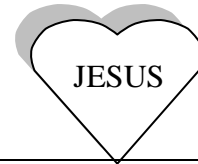


Rosie at Rumginae

"I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, he will do everything I want him to do"
 'Wherever your heart goes, your life will surely follow. And if your hearts desire is for God, a godly life is not far behind.'
 ' O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free. A heart that's sprinkled with the blood, so freely shed for me. A heart in every thought renewed, and full of love divine, Perfect and right and pure and good – your life revealed in mine'

I've started thinking about David and what it means to be a man or woman after God's own heart. Pray with me that is what I will become.



Praise God for His help for the 6 **Pastors and Church Leaders Courses**.

4 more courses have then been taught by participants to the members. Some further courses are planned. We have a member's course planned at Rumginae October 18th – 24th.

Feedback is good. *"We want to personally give our thanks for the opportunity and privilege to learn and teach the course to others, as we learn to improve our teaching. We believe there was much challenges, corrections and understanding been developed through this course."*



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Others saw the need to pray for their children to come to know Christ – rather than the usual prayer for school fees. One lady brought a pig as an offering of thanks for all that Jesus has done for her – 'the first time this has ever happened.'

One very encouraging story is of a previous pastor, Podigi, who has backslidden for many years. He repented, and brought all the magic things he was using to be burned.

Please pray this will be a complete break – satan does not let go easily! Pray for Pr Eli as he seeks to share with him and encourage him on with God.

ECPNG General Conference went well – praise God for that. Pray that we will become a church of true disciples growing in Christ, and helping others to grow. (A report is available for anyone interested)

I caught up with the **National Women's Coordinators** – Saleana, Joy, Josephine, Lynne. We are supposed to be working on a policy for Women's work – but nothing has happened since our good meetings in Moresby. Pray we can be ready to start off next year with good plans for the women. We hope there will be more workshops and fewer conventions. A workshop on 'Do not Fear' is planned for Western Province in February.



September 25th 2010 Health Jubilee at Rumginae was a rushed job to be ready – but we made it! Many without sleep the night before.



A drama reminded us how a white skin accompanied by 2 PNG pastor missionaries came in 1957 to a group of Aekyom women near Rumginae.



The men returned from hunting at the screams and aimed their arrows. They were all terrified - and knew this was a spirit. The gifts were treated with great suspicion – they had never seen salt, or soap, or matches – and what were they meant to do with them?? Sign language goes a long way to explain – but the soap did not taste good!!
(My friends Javelyn and Elma seen above)



Another colourful drama acted out the traditional ways of treating the sick. A man moaned in pain and struggled for breath as men painted with black mud, with cassowary headdresses waving in the breeze, grass skirts bobbing danced and sang around the man in a traditional house dance. Then the carefully prepared concoction dictated by the spirits was given to the man to drink as



they danced and sang, beating kundu drums.

Later the sick man staggered to his feet and danced with them.

We have come a long way, and have many buildings and health workers.

But some of the battles are still the same. We still battle against the fear of the spirits - the strong belief that magic has caused the sickness. People still hold that someone is angry - so they are sick. Looking for who is to blame consumes much time and energy. We still need God's Word to break in and set us free.

A new booklet "**Sickness**" is now available. Pray it will help people to have a much bigger understanding of sickness and death. We want them to see that life and death are in **God's** hands – not that of the magic man.

'The one certain thing in life is... death'

Sadly it seems a prayer letter would not be complete without an update on deaths! There have already been 3 more deaths this year of people living at Rumginae station, as well as close relatives of key people. Most recently our ambulance driver playing basket ball at Independence celebrations was suddenly transported to another world. He dreamed of angels the night before, and happily sang 'this earth is not my place.' Next day he found out how true that was.

Some are asking what God is teaching us though this – so pray that we will learn, and change where we need to. It would be wonderful if some of the underlying tensions at Rumginae can be worked through, and there can be a real sense of love and unity, and God reigning supreme.

Work permit and visa applications have only just gone in!! They need to be through by the end of October – so pray God will enable this to happen smoothly and quickly – it will be a first!

End of this month Addy leaves for 6 months home assignment, and Phil and Glenda Carter leave Kiunga. The church have expressed the need for more bible teachers.

1 Corinthians Bible studies continue with a flexible group of ladies. Some are taking time to read the chapters before they come. One fellowship group is slowly going through the book themselves, and discussing what it means to their lives. "It's much better when we read the Bible ourselves, not just listening to one person." I wish many more could learn that!!

Preaching Workshop Level 2 with Langham Partnership, December. I hope to attend along with the 8 men who came last year to the first workshop. We've met a few times this year to try and help each other to prepare sermons.

Thanks again for your prayers and interest in the work here.

In the lovely and precious name of Jesus

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