

# Rosie at Runginae

Dear friends

December 30<sup>th</sup> 2010

The end of the year is a good time to reflect on what God has done. So Sharon, Sharmini and I did some reflection in the vague mode of Psalm 136.

## Psalm 2010

*A song of review. Of ShaR*

Give thanks to Father, Son and Spirit – for He is active

*Praise His faithful love*

Give thanks to our Maker, Redeemer and Comforter – for He is good

*Praise His faithful love*

Give thanks to the God who heals the sick

*Praise His faithful love*

Give thanks to Him who takes life (a)

*Praise His faithful love*

Who in pain and suffering helps people not to fear, but to trust Him (b)

*Praise His faithful love*

To the God who opens doors and gives new opportunities (c)

*Praise His faithful love*

Who grows and deepens our heart for Him and His work (d)

*Praise His faithful love*

Who transforms us from despair to expectant hope

*Praise His faithful love*

Who is working out His purposes in Mimingire, and thwarting followers of Tali Basalop (e)

*Praise His faithful love*

Who gives strength and grace for each new challenge

*Praise His faithful love*

Who prepares us for the next overwhelming swamp

*Praise His faithful love*

Who gives us patience with the grass seeds, white ants, lack of medicines, power outs, and lack of planning

*Praise His faithful love*

Who comforts us in times of loneliness,

*Praise His faithful love*

Who guides us through the confusion and conflict of relationships in different cultures

*Praise His faithful love*

Who enables us when family and friends go through hard times - or have times of celebration we cannot share

*Praise His faithful love*

Who provides many faithful supporters to hold up our hands, and to send God's peace and presence to our hearts.

*Praise His faithful love*

Give thanks to the God who stayed the hand of cholera

*Praise His faithful love*

Give thanks to the God who controls the sky, the crashing thunder and illuminating lightning, the rain, and the river as it rises 2m over night

*Praise His faithful love*

**Give thanks to the God of absolutely everything**

Who has done so much more than we can even remember!

*Praise His faithful love*



## Footnotes

- a) 2010 was a year of pain and loss – seeing the monster of death many times, the heart rending pain separation brings, and the havoc that satan wreaks in the lies and tricks of sorcery talk.  
Yet praise God that He took His children home – their work was done. Praise God that they are now praising Him. We do not grieve as those without hope.
- b) J in her grief trusted God as she lost her only sister.  
S as Andy's cancer recurs and grows before our very eyes, distorting his face and neck, protruding his eyes. She stands against accusations she has sinned, or Andy has sinned, and refuses to go for 'who done it' meetings.  
T was distraught and felt like giving up as he lost his closest brother and friend – yet God's Word – Romans 8: 35-39 – renewed his hope.
- c) New opportunities as I worked with Mase and Dim in the Rural Training Courses for pastors and church leaders. Opportunity to meet church leaders from other areas. Opportunities to give feedback and see growth and change, and to encourage different ways of teaching.  
New opportunity as the Resource person for the Women - meeting with the Women Ministry Coordinators to plan for women's ministry.  
More contacts for the spread of resources through Preaching courses etc
- d) A deeper heart for the weak condition of the church – longing for God's spirit to come in reviving power. God grew Mase and Dim as they taught and gave desire to be Christ centred. Others too have grown.
- e) Difficult issues like false teaching in Mimingire were tackled. The issue came to a head there, and the church divided. There is now a tent where the Tali Basolop followers meet. Yet out of it good things. T changed from fear and immobility to hope, excitement and active involvement. Christmas convention had more than 100 mostly young people – many who did not attend before. Thank you for your prayers.



from top – Kassa village, Doris likes my hair, Trev and Ann visit PNG, Preaching Course, Dan and Ellie's wedding,

Rural training with Mase and Dim, Anna's wedding.

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