



Rosie at Runginae



February 2011

This year began with a lovely holiday in Australia – thankfully missing floods, fires and cyclones!

I had a great time with sea, sunshine, cycling (something I've not done before – but never too late to learn!) fishing, swimming.... just avoiding the shark which swam nonchalantly by 10m away looking for lunch! Kangaroos, koalas, seals, dolphins, sting rays, jelly fish (ouch – they hurt!) Climbed 2 fire watching trees – 60m and 75m. It was a long way up and great views!! Shakespeare in the park –with beautiful night views.

For those who like holiday snaps



And then...back to work! A busy year ahead – so I depend on your prayers! Thought I'd share with you the priorities I've come to as I've prayed about

this year.

Romans 12 – especially v 1,2 is my theme for the year – so you can pray that for me through the year.

1. To model the grace and love of Jesus (!! – you need to pray hard!)
2. To encourage and develop believers – especially leaders
3. To pray more intentionally, specifically and faithfully
4. To use the gifts God has given me

So please help me to reach towards these. Below are some of the ways I hope to do this, especially no.2

Rural Training Courses – beginning **March 21st – 26th**. This first one is to teach those who we hope will then teach with us in other districts. We plan to visit 12 districts this year to run one church leaders and pastors' course. Pr Mase and Dim and I will each do 4 courses, with help from others attending this first course. Feels like a big commitment and challenge - yet an exciting opportunity. I look forward to working with other leaders, and trust God will use it to motivate and grow many. Some of your practical support will go to flying people around for these courses.

Please pray for me as I write the materials for the courses, with input from others. We want God's Word to impact and change many lives. Writing needs to be easy english and culturally suitable. Grace seems to be the main thread flowing through. Please pray for wisdom how to communicate grace in a society that always looks for payback. If one gives, then one expects something back – and remembers until it is paid!

I'm encouraged in feeling God's help as I begin. I am very inadequate. *“Apart from Me you can do nothing”*
“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”

For those who like dates ahead of time: - Other courses planned for me are

May 16th – 21st (Kiunga); July 14th -20th (Debepari);
August 15th – 20th (Haewaenai) October 14th – 20th
(Lake Murray). We are in PNG, so it will be quite remarkable if these all happen on these dates. Indeed it is quite remarkable to have these dates planned before last year ended!

Working with the Women

This year I look forward to working more closely with the **Runginae Women Executive** – 6 lovely ladies. (Asire, Mary, Todure, Jennifer, Swatike, Taba)



We plan to meet each month for bible study and prayer. We've looked at Peace and Making Peace – which we already need to put into practise! We have notebooks and homework – to read the whole book of Philippians and think of its purpose etc. I hope these times will help us all to grow and learn from one another. It is such a great privilege to build into their lives. I look forward to what God will do in us.

Women Workshops – Yes we have more!

Unity in the Church March 7th – 11th at Rumginae. Some of the above ladies will lead this, and I will take a back seat. It takes time to go through things with each teacher – but hopefully it will reap dividends in the long term. I so want to help them to grow – and one way to grow is to teach God's Word. I'm so thankful for their willingness and commitment.

Please pray this workshop will be effective. Jealousy, gossip, unforgiveness, putting others down are rampant amongst the ladies. It will be so good to see much fruit from this course. The local Women's Fellowships will then go through the studies from the book (already printed praise God!).

Do Not Fear - Provincial Workshop for Women in Balimo in April (probably!)

Communication wires seem a little crossed and patchy! But I think 4 of us will run this Workshop for the women leaders of a large area. More info later when it's a bit clearer.

National Women Ministry Leaders

I hope to keep working with Lynne and the others. But so far have drawn a blank on the Women Policy.

I am also involved in planning a **Graduates Refresher Course** for June – so feel like I'm juggling courses!

Other dates for March

March 4th **Preaching Club**. Those who went to Hagen for the Preaching Course will go through Exodus 4/5 together. Everyone should come with observation done, and ideas for the main point. Then together we make a sermon outline. This is a new way to try – so we'll see how we go!

March 5th **AMTC** (Area Ministry Training Committee) Another long day in a meeting!

March 7th District meeting (every first Monday – lots of talk in Aekyom!)

March 9th – 17th Surgeon visiting – along with his wife who is a counsellor. She is usually very helpful both with individuals and groups. I look forward to seeing her again.

March 29th **PPP Steering group** meeting via Skype.

So March is busy!!! Especially as visitors at my door do not get any less.

Please continue to pray for Salome whose son Andy died in January. She and the other siblings are missing him. Pray for her to continue to stand strong for the Lord – although others turn against her.

PPP Pray Prepare Preach

We continue to work on producing more books to help teachers through the world. Recently I've been involved in feedback on 2 Timothy, 1 Corinthians, and Proverbs. This is an exciting project which I enjoy being involved with. Again it all takes time and energy!

I'd also like to find time this year to work on Genesis Dig in the Bible notes part 4.



CHW Graduation was a happy – if hot and long day. Pray for these students as they move out. Our prayer is they will know Christ and make Him known in the communities they will serve.

A new group of students are arriving to take their place. We have many opportunities to share Christ with them and shape their lives. Pray for Sharon as she leads a retreat Feb 25th, 26th.

I find I have less time to interact with the students which I am sad about, but know it comes with a changing role.

Thanks so much for your prayers and support

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12: 12

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