

## Update from Rosie PNG 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011.

Hello and thanks so much for your prayers - always much needed and appreciated. As usual in PNG things have not turned out the way planned or expected!

Rural Training Courses - 2 of these did not happen as very few participants showed up! That was disappointing - especially in showing out the inertia and maybe heart of many church leaders. Many are following false teaching (prosperity type). Many others are following the opportunity to make money with the many mining explorations for oil and gas. Please pray God will show us (AMTC) what we can do next, and how to help these 3 districts who have sheep but no shepherds. 2 Timothy 4: 1-5 turned out to be a very appropriate passage to have read just before embarking on our canoe trip ( which was enjoyable, mostly cloudy, no rain, and not so long as anticipated - thank you )

*"Be prepared in season and out of season" ..... "They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths"*

We had a good weekend, encouraged the people there, and had good prayer times together. Felt God's overruling and peace.

Praise God for the 60 church leaders that attended the Obo course and bought out the books. Pray there will be change in their lives. Our next courses are planned for July 14th - 21st.

Always good things result - I returned to Rumginae with 5 unexpected days with nothing planned! So I had a much more relaxed week. It was good to get some cultural reading done again .Which then precipitated a revision of 'Who is God' for a reprint soon (so the following week was spent with my head down at the computer!). Pray this book will be very helpful in addressing some of the underlying misunderstandings in an animistic culture. I was encouraged at the local woman's fellowship to hear it said that ' We used to control Jesus, but now Jesus must control us." Wouldn't that be good!

Please pray for Rumginae district that we will be able to clean up, and discipline those who are still influencing people in the wrong direction. Like yeast spreading through the whole loaf, it is so easy for false teaching/ beliefs to infect others. There are 2 senior pastors, and others, who need discipline - but it is very hard to give it because of their seniority - and also the unwillingness of many to accept discipline. Praying is our best weapon - and one that can be wielded effectively from a great distance!

Please pray for MAF. Matt, our remaining pilot is off to Australia with his family for June, and then late August till January. There do not seem to be other pilots available for Rumginae at the moment. Please pray - as it, makes such a difference to our work to have a pilot based here.

*" Then make my joy complete by being like minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."*

Coming up:- Morning devotions next week

2 bible studies on Nehemiah with the CHW students.

Graduates Retreat June 9th - 16th (for those who've had higher level bible training). We expect about 60 couples for teaching on persevering in the race, marriage life and bringing up children. Some of these people are no longer involved in active Christian service - or even appear to be walking with God - so pray this will return them to the Lord - and/or to serving Him more wholeheartedly. Please pray for Patrick and Jan Hall as they lead . Pray for good interactions with the participants - that we will be able to encourage, challenge as needed.

Pastors Ordination June 26th 10 or so pastors and their wives will be ordained - including Pr Mase and Pr Jacob. Pray it will be significant time in their Christian life as they recommit themselves to wholehearted service. Pray all will be done in a way that honours Christ.

*"Now you can take part with me in the battle. It is the same battle you saw me fighting in the past, and as you hear the one I am fighting still." Phil 1:30*

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*In His lovely name*

*Rosie*