

Prayer update from Rosie July 2011

*Consider your mighty Saviour King
Enduring the cross
And run with a holy, joyful strength
The race to the last*

*Get rid of all hindrance
And put sin aside
With patient enduring see Christ as your prize
The hardships you suffer, your sorrows and pain
Though heavy at present will help you to grow.*

*Our Jesus who called you the race to begin
Is waiting to crown you when glory you win
Lift up your tired hands
Let strength flow from grace
With Christ as your champion
You'll finish the race*

John Tindal (with few PNG adaptations)



Graduates Refresher

We had some great messages from Hebrews 12.
Pray we will all

- Fix our eyes on Jesus
- Keep going
- Maintain our relationship with God

Our health staff also had these messages as devotions.

Some of the leaders testified how they felt like giving up – one teacher of a bible school had decided he had enough – it was too hard. But he and others were encouraged to keep going. This Refresher course seemed to do its work!

And for the Marriage and Family Life part it was great to see couples sitting together answering questions and thinking about their family life. There is not much communication in marriages - and males and females usually sit on opposite sides of the church. **Pray** that the things they learned will be practised. Many of the men learned more about their role in the family as head and leader – and the responsibilities that brings.

Thank you for your part in praying for this course – and also for paying for the airfares for some of them to come from remote places. They were thankful and touched by your concern for them and practical support.

Ordination was a good day. 9 couples and one single man were ordained. It seems to be recognition for faithful work, and for some was a significant step of deeper commitment.

It was encouraging to hear them standing together as couples making 8 promises of faith and commitment.

I trust and pray it will help the church to grow stronger.

Three of us missionaries sang the above song to encourage them to keep faithfully on.



As you can see long trousers, shirts and ties are in order!



President Hengebe presenting the certificate to Pr Mase and his wife Todure.

Others were:- Pr Jacob, Pr Henry, Pr Dama, Pr Idobo, Pr Hosea, Pr Jude, Pr Daniel Aiyom, Pr John Tuson, Pr Matthias.

They all gave a very short testimony of God's call on their life.

I was cake maker – decorated with laminated verses about being faithful - one each as a reminder.

MAF – have their ‘60 years in PNG’ celebration in September. Pray this will be an encouraging and good time for them. Things are hard at the moment with few pilots - and planes that keep breaking. Yesterday I had 2 planes on my front lawn – but both were broken! It is very hard to keep a program going with all the changes necessitated with plane problems, as well as the weather. We still need a pilot- or two - for Runginae. The pilot who was coming is with his sick wife in Australia. Satan tries all kinds of ways to discourage and disturb God’s work and God’s people. So pray that all his attempts will be thwarted. Pray that our flights next week for the Rural Training Courses will work as planned.

Rural Training Courses – next round July 14th – 21st – at Honanabi, Debepari and Mougulu, God willing. Pray these will be a great help to the pastors and leaders - and God will prepare us and them.

Preaching Club – some others have expressed interest in learning more about preaching. Pray for wisdom if and when to add in another club.

‘Who is God’ is almost ready for the printers. I’ve done a fair amount of editing, and added a new chapter on God is King. Pray it will be very useful. The need was reinforced when a pastor said to me last week ‘ the problem is we do not know who God is’ Pray that many will do the studies in this book and learn more.

Pray Prepare Preach – 2 Timothy is the next book coming up for publication. Thank God for all the work that has been done. Pray as we continue work on it, adding an extra step for our readers to learn more about how to make sermons. We need God’s wisdom and help for the best style for the next books.

Pray for the other authors as they plod on with Exodus, 1 Corinthians, Proverbs – with Deuteronomy and 1 John to start soon. It is hard to fit writing in with all the other demands on people’s time.

And to finish off... some pictures from the opening of the new CHW classroom this week. We do like our ceremonies!!



student boys leading the invited guests



student girls



A patriotic tutor with student



Japanese ambassador (funding agency) cutting the ribbon – with CHW Principal Amos.

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