

## Prayer Update from Rosie



Yesterdays messages were both from John 15 (in 2 different churches)

The verses that stick out for me from that passage are:-

“Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear a great deal of fruit, for you can do nothing without me” .... “My Father glory is shown by your bearing a lot of fruit”

Yes I know that means pruning – which is not always pleasant!

And how do we ‘remain/ abide in Him?’ Ideas gratefully received. As far as I could tell, that was not covered in the messages. v 10 says one way is by obeying - as Jesus did.

Please pray for more fruit in my life. I would like to display more love joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness gentleness, and self control. I read this morning, “Be imitators of God... and live a life of love.” “Since you are God’s dear child, you must try to be like Him. Your life must be controlled by love...” Ephesians 5:1

Please pray for lots of pruning and much fruit from the **Rural Training Courses** – next ones starting on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August** at Rumginae, Degota, and Kiunga. John 15 is talked about briefly under God’s discipline. Please pray for hearts ready to hear - and respond - to the sword of God’s Word.

And it seems for Rumginae district the course will be right on target!

Recently some bad practises and cargo cult behaviour happened in one of the very local villages. Thankfully one of my friends was there - and spoke out against what they did – and then reported it to me. She (Andy’s mother) is now being rejected and threatened with sorcery by the leading (Christian!) lady in that group. Pray for her to stand firm - and to remember that even if everyone else is against her, God is with her. It takes a lot of courage to speak out for the truth.

The Training Course has sessions on ‘Do not consult the spirits of the dead’ and ‘God does not promise riches now’, as well the importance of the church disciplining those who sin. These are hot topics!! I know this is hard to get our heads round! But please pray for **complete repentance** in response to God’s Word. **Pray for Steven** as he shares the hot ones!

Mase has reluctantly gone over the border to West Papua. Reluctant because he told the leaders he could not go, because of the Training course - but was pressurized to go at the last minute.

**Pray that when Mase returns** the evil will be exposed and shown for what it is – lies and tricks of Satan - and all concerned dealt with suitably. There are some cover up attempts! And a lot of synergism. Mase will need much wisdom, and courage, as this involves close relatives. Please stand with us in prayer. This is a good opportunity to expose things that have gone on secretly for years – so will be great to clean up. “Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them” Ephesians 5: 11

Pray for **true repenting and turning from these evil ways**. They do not see any contradiction in doing these things - and then leading praise and worship on Sunday.

Thanks for praying for courses at Honanabi, Mougulu and Debepari. **Praise God** we had a good turn out! 100, 62, 53 respectively.

God’s Word did its work as a sharp 2 edged sword exposing sin and wrong thinking, and encouraging with a fresh understanding of God’s grace and forgiveness etc.

Please pray that there will be **much change** in their lives - its easy on a workshop to be full of good intentions - but so hard once in the village to actually make the changes needed. There is much choking out of the good seed. At Honanabi 5 of the 9 village groups chose ‘Put things right with others’ for one of their action points. They heard and understood - they *just* need to obey. But *just* obeying is not always easy!

So **I’m off to Drimdamesuk village** on Saturday – a canoe ride of 2 hours or so from Kiunga (I think). It’s Pr Henry’s village - for those who remember him. So I look forward to being with their family. Its so encouraging to hear how things have changed there since he returned. Please do pray for him as he has some ‘family problems’.

On Sunday in that village there is **DTE Graduation** (Distance Theological Education). About 30 of them, many younger ones, have studied Discipleship in a group in the village- so will be receiving their certificates

amongst much ceremony. I am the invited guest – hope that does not mean I am the main speaker!! They haven't asked me yet – but that is no guarantee! Some of you contributed to their course fees – for which they are thankful – and probably why I'm invited! I'll eat pig on your behalf!

The Course then starts in the afternoon. Pray for good health and strength – I sometimes get headaches and feel less than my best. There will only be 2 of us doing the teaching for the week, so it is quite demanding.

**Youth Group** – I thought my days with youth group were fading out – but it seems not!

At the local church there are a good group of young people – grade 7, 8's (as well as lots of children!). Serah Maroke wants me to help them with bible studies. So we started on Friday with 'Marriage is for life'. They were very responsive. Pictures of William and Kate came in handy - and the magazine was avidly poured over afterwards. Relationships and marriage are hardly taught here, as it is a shameful subject. Even in school I think the teachers still often avoid those curriculum subjects! So pray as we think how best to do it. I would like to have the girls, and find someone else to take the boys. I need wisdom as to the best way forward – how and what to do.

There is also a large Youth Retreat in September in Kiunga (23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>) – for which we are looking for speakers. It's a great opportunity, so please pray for the right speaker.

**Preaching Club** – I hope to start a new Preaching Club early September – maybe on 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll see the interest level. Pray for wisdom what best to study – maybe Job or Philippians. I plan to try out the 'how to teach' material from PPP 2 Timothy.

**PPP** – pray for the editing process as this continues with 2 Timothy, 1 Corinthians, Exodus and Proverbs.

### **Coming up**

MAF 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration at Rumginae on September 8<sup>th</sup>

Morning devotions with the CHW students and staff week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Women leaders Bible study Philippians – 25<sup>th</sup> August

Short term Dr David Moore and Emma arrive for 4 months September 19<sup>th</sup>. David came here in 2002 as a UK medical student! (We have an Australian medical student here at the moment, following on the heels of one from UK)

September 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Western Province conference at Dewara.

Thank you for your support.