

Man of Sorrows what a name for the Son of God who came ruined sinners to reclaim

Hallelujah! What a Saviour!

Mocked by insults harsh and crude, in my place condemned he stood, sealed my pardon with His blood

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Guilty vile and helpless we, spotless lamb of God was He, full atonement can it be?

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Lifted up was He to die 'It is finished' was His cry, now in heaven exalted high

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When He comes our glorious King all His ransomed home to bring, then anew this song we'll sing

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I am enjoying preparing morning devotions for next week on The Journey to the Cross. What a wonderful Saviour we have, and what a wonderful message of deep sacrificial love to share with others. May we all take time to contemplate the cross and all it means - and cost.

I'll also talk on the cross at the missionary bible study on Tuesday. Sometimes our Easter Conventions (yes we have another convention from Thursday to Sunday) do not focus on the cross or resurrection! They follow themes – ours is 'Shine for Jesus'! So I am thankful for these opportunities to reflect and ponder what God has done by His amazing grace.

Please pray for the **Easter Conventions** in many villages in PNG. Pray for God's Word to be faithfully taught, and for people to respond from their heart. I am concerned about the speaker chosen for Rumginae. So pray for him to teach the truth – and for wisdom and courage for correction if that is needed.

Easter is often used to call people to change – which is good, but often seems to be man responding rather than God changing hearts. Unbelievers often do attend. So pray for rejoicing in heaven and earth over sinners repenting this Easter.

I had an unexpected conversation yesterday with Steven, a stranger I met on the road and started talking about bad habits – then about our worst habit of sin – and he ended up buying a Bible and with some booklets to help him. So pray it was a God incident that will end in a soul washed and changed.

Praise God for a good **CHW graduation** this week. It was first year to have graduation gowns!! It was one of the best – because the focus was more on Jesus. It was encouraging to hear the PNG Deputy Secretary for Health openly declare himself a child of God.

He encouraged the graduating students to build on the foundation of "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength and your neighbour as yourself*" He seemed so

real and genuine. It is encouraging to know that our parliament has some willing to speak openly for Him, and seek to live out His Word. Pray for more, as elections are this year.



Thanks for your prayers

'[Make a good choice for marriage](#)' has progressed to the MAF terminal where it awaits transport. (When I visited the print shop I found the real problem was there was no printer!)

[PPP Deuteronomy](#) second draft is completed! Praise God and pray for the next stages. 2 new writers have begun on Acts and 1 John – so praise and prayer for that. [Pray for PPP meeting](#) on April 17th – for good internet connection and good discussions.

Women Coordinator meetings went well. We were able to talk with the ECPNG President about the policy and hopefully this will be accepted in June. I hope to meet with the Coordinators in August for some Bible teaching on issues like dealing with anger.

But I did come back with more work – to expand and **produce a Women's Handbook** for the 40th Anniversary celebrations in September. I am asked to add some rather difficult topics – false teaching, songs, holy women etc. So pray for wisdom – I am thankful for God's help as I work on this at the moment.

Church Leaders Retreat was an encouraging time with about 130 men and women. Many of them showed a response to challenging messages. So pray there will truly be a deeper commitment to God, and on going living sacrifices of our lives offered daily to God. There are some stories of changes happening. Praise God for this opportunity and pray for 100 fold harvest.

(My heart sank though - as before this one ended one of the leaders jumped up and announced another one in May - again at Rumginae! Feels like it is time to act on what we know!)

Praise God for action taken to **discipline a church leader** with a wrong relationship. It is very encouraging to me to see this being handled in a loving but firm way. Thank God for the growing maturity and desire to do what is right in God's sight - rather than bow to cultural pressures, and cover up sin.

Preaching Job and Thessalonians were encouraging days. Next **Preaching Job is April 19th**
I have a meeting with **District Women on April 23rd** to review and plan what to do together this year.

Some of our health staff are sick and others have resigned. So there is pressure on all the staff at the moment. Pray for strength for them and for Addy and Sharon, and for good opportunities to encourage from God's Word. It is encouraging to see more signs of spiritual life.

*Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then nailed to a cross of wood.*

***This the power of the cross, Christ became sin for us, took the blame, bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

*Oh to see the pain written on Your face bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought, every evil deed crowning your bloodstained brow.*

*Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, finished the victory cry*

*Oh to see my name written in the wounds, for through your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.*

***This the power of the cross Son of God slain for us - what love - what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross.***

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Thank you for your interest and prayers.
May you have a wonderful Easter at the foot of the cross.

In His lovely name
Rosie