

Rosie's reflections

November 2014

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit Roman 15:13

As you know most of this year has been in the UK – which is why it's been so quiet from me! Hope you have missed my updates – which I hope will soon be re-instated! (usually monthly) It has been lovely to catch up with many of you and to meet many new friends. Thank you to all who have joined the support team. It is so encouraging to visit people and churches and to see the warmth, interest and concern for our brothers and sisters in Papua New Guinea. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and practical support. I have been blessed. I enjoyed sharing some of what God is doing in other believers and in me, and am reminded each time of God's faithfulness and loving care. What a great God we have. May He help us to lift our eyes to Him and keep trusting, loving, serving – ever seeking more of Him in our lives. Please pray for me to walk closely with Him.

Highlights

Catching up with friends and family after 41/2 years-meeting new additions including twins.

Trip to Israel

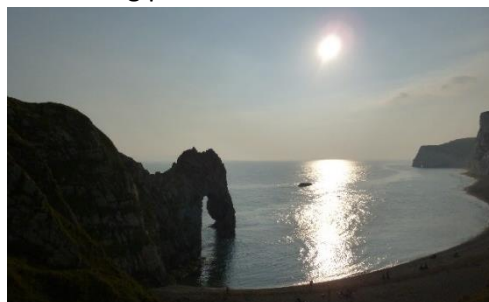
9 busy days of seeing where Jesus walked, understanding a little more of the history and geography of Israel, good fun and fellowship together, swimming in the sea of Galilee....

Conferences – to soak up God's Word and be refreshed and renewed. I was feeling a bit drained so was good to be stimulated again with good teaching. There is so much available! How rich and blessed we are in this country. Keswick was a wonderful new experience. A great week of enjoying God's creation early in the mornings, praising Him on the hills,



and then enjoying God's word and praising Him with a tent packed with 3,000 people.

Enjoying the beauty of God's wonderful world – sea, forest, flowers, fruits, changing colours of treesfreedom to enjoy and a climate that makes walking palatable!



We wait in hope for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. In Him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in His holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in You. Psalm 33:20

I was gearing up for a return to Rumginae at the end of September – but God’s plans were different! About a week before I was due to leave I became suddenly unwell with high fevers etc. I still don’t know what the cause was but it certainly knocked the stuffing out of me! So 6 weeks later I am still recovering, but feel like I am nearly there. It has made me very thankful for the good health that God has given me for so many years. Please pray that will continue.

I shared the song on the right at a goodbye time with some friends – and found that it was God’s plan for me! It’s been good to rest in His shepherds care. Although we often do not understand why God sends these things we trust Him and know that His timing and care is best. I have been aware again that He is the **Good** Shepherd. A shepherd who I need so much and who loves me. He knows and cares for His sheep. I so often rush impatiently on. It’s been good to rest and wait.

Return to Rumginae

God willing I hope to return to Rumginae later this month better rested and refreshed. I look forward to getting stuck in again to the work God has called me to. No doubt there will be many encouragements and some discouragements to hear of in many hours of sitting on my floor hearing the stories from my visitors. I hope and pray there will be much to hear of what the Lord has been doing. There will be much to get on with as we have to plan the ministry courses for next year. I have already been asked what ideas I have!! But that means gathering information about what is happening in the churches, where are the weaknesses, what has happened in the time I have been away. I missed the Area Ministry Training Committee so hope they have taken the initiative and moved forward with their thoughts and ideas.

Changes at Rumginae

Dr Mike and Rachel Lewis have recently joined us for 9 months. Pray for them as they adjust and settle in to the challenges and demands.

Dr Kevin is a PNG national doctor who joined in July.

These are a great help for the hospital side and will enable Dr Addy to leave for home assignment for 6 months at the end of November.

Dr Sharon returned at the beginning of August, and continues with the long term perspective.

Pray that there will be good working together of the doctors and staff at the hospital. There are some new staff to get to know. And another 40 or so CHW students! I struggled to remember all the names when it was an intake of 20! So lots of catching up and new friendships to make.

MAF families – Bischoffs are away at another base (Wewak) but may be back when I return. The **Newells** continue on – although I am not sure what the long term plan for them is.

SIL couple – **Smiths** – continue to work on helping pastors to understand and apply language, Pidgin and English scripture.

What will I be doing?

Probably more of the same – although will check that out when I get back and see what the current needs are. I will continue working alongside the church leaders seeking together to strengthen the church and deepen our knowledge and living out of God’s Word.

A fair amount of time is spent one to one with people praying and sharing.

I also hope to continue the editing work of Pray Prepare Preach which continues to develop with more books and more translations being produced. We are currently working on ‘Teach the Bible’ and ‘Teach Acts’.

Thank you to all those who are new to my prayer list. Great to have you. If anyone would like a prayer photo please contact Liz and she will be pleased to send you one (address below).

In the lovely and precious name of Jesus

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Within the busy rush of life
I find a resting-place:
when I submit to Christ my Lord
and let him set my pace,
he shows the way that I should take
whatever trials I face.

Amid the choices I must make
and duties that increase
he comes to calm my anxious thoughts,
to make the turmoil cease;
as in his presence I remain
he guides me into peace.

The timeless, all-sufficient God
my every longing knows
and daily he refreshes me
with joy which overflows;
anointed by tranquillity
my strength to serve him grows.

My Saviour bids me walk with him
and follow all his ways-
his plan for me is fruitfulness
throughout my earthly days,
since now and evermore I live
beneath his loving gaze.

