

Rosie at Runginae

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But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, and discharge all the duties of your ministry. 2 Timothy 4:5

It's good to be back in my house and settled again. Life seems to have returned to its stream of visitors! Some after a calendar, some wanting to pray about something etc. Keeping me busy.

Graduation class from Preach 2 Timothy!



In 2013 after a Preaching Workshop on 2 Timothy we set up preaching groups to practise what was learned. I returned to find these few ladies waiting for me to have their 'graduation'. They successfully completed all the studies – and put the men to shame in being the only ones to do it! One mens group has one lesson left – the others all fell by the wayside. Good for the ladies!

We enjoyed our celebration together – eating and listening to encouragement from 2 Timothy 3:16 – 4:5. And hearing feedback from the ladies.

"A BIG thank you to God. I thought I knew , but I didn't know"

"I taught my husband and helped him prepare sermon. A great help to the two of us in our Christian life"

"Now I can scale if the message in church is off track"

Pray the next PREACHING WORKSHOP in May 4th – 9th will build on what was learned and benefit many. Pray for many pastors and church leaders to come from all over the North Fly with open minds and ready to be committed to practise in preaching groups after. Pray for David Sprouse as he prepares to come and guidance as to what is the best material to teach this time.



When I was in the UK, some will remember I talked about the winds blowing on the PNG church and threatening it.

False teaching has increased with a surge of popularity in the Rainbow or Aekyom church – which is a cargo cult. Blessings are promised in various ways – including some who consult the spirit of the dead. One false teacher has died – but they expected him to rise from the dead! Some are still waiting for this to happen some months later!!

Development has distracted many. The main reason I was given for the Rural Training Courses not running last year was Stanley Gas.

Thanks for praying for the forum to discuss reaching the **youth**. A fair number came. It didn't go quite as I hoped and focused on getting youth groups going in the churches. That will be good. I hoped for more interest in reaching the schools etc. It is encouraging that the general leadership of the ECP church are producing a youth policy and encouraging a focus on reaching the youth.

So it was good that we were, and I hope are, praying about these very real pressures on the church here. Please keep praying so that the believers can be like strong trees deeply grounded and bearing much fruit.



← prayer
← God's Word
← Life example

My responsibilities for 2015

1. ECPNG National Women's Ministry resource person
2. Member of Bible School Working Group, Area Ministry Training Committee, and Youth coordinating committee
3. Pioneers Team Leader
4. PPP (Pray Prepare Preach) Editing
5. Resource provision and development

It's not yet clear exactly what I will do this term. There's quite a lot of changes in different ways. The Rural Training Courses do not look possible this year due to lack of manpower and not much interest from the districts.

So we are working on how to **reach the youth** – many show little interest in following Christ.

At our marathon AMTC meeting (9 hours with only 10 minute break!) we have appointed a Youth Coordinator Committee – John Timothy (previous teacher), Pr Nico (West Papua missionary) and myself as the resource person. One aim is to set up youth coordinators in each district and train them to encourage and establish youth leaders in the local churches in their district. We plan to do TEE youth course with them. And have a training day on May 2nd. Also I would like more opportunities to go to the high schools and teach about relevant issues. I had a great time with John Timothy, Nico and Mase (see below) starting to plan a way forward. John is a high energy and ideas person so it will be fun and



Other challenges and prayer points

Pray for God's wisdom to know what to do about some [community and church disagreements](#). It would be so good to see those resolved – but it's very easy to not understand the whole issue and potentially to make things worse! [Pray for Pr Gre](#) who has taken on a care taker pastor role in Briompenai church. It's encouraging to see more people coming on Sundays and for fellowship on Mon, Wed and Fri. Gre wants to especially encourage the youth on Fridays. Pray for commitment and teaching God's truth clearly. I've enjoyed seeing the people's response to my sharing verses from Colossians 3 – my chapter for 2015.

Pray for help to adjust to [no power](#) between 12 and 4. Very hot – and no internet etc. Looks set to continue as low in money for diesel. May need to go to less hours.

[Pray for Dr Kevin](#), our PNG doctor, to come to know Jesus. Pray for [Dr Sharon](#) as she manages and supervises a lot of different things and people.

What's ahead?

Morning devotions for about 80! CHW (Community Health Worker) students on 'Who created the spirits' March 9th A group of us hope to lead **Friday bible studies** with CHW students on 'What is life for'. Pray for Rachel and Dr Mike (here short term) as they get involved with these.

March 19th **CHW Graduation**. Pray this will uplift Jesus and those coming will be touched by their need of a Saviour.

March 20th RI at the primary school assembly– for 200+ students. A new challenge for me – and not really my forte. Hard to effectively communicate from grade 3 to 8.

April 9th Teachers fellowship – another new thing.

March 30th Prayer and fasting for the youth ministry with John, Nico and Mase. Feel free to join us!

Thanks for your interest and prayers.

In the lovely and precious name of Jesus

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PRAY FOR ME

To add to my faith

Goodness

Knowledge

Self-control

Perseverance

Godliness

Brotherly kindness

Love

For if I possess these qualities in increasing measure I will be effective and productive in my knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1: 5-8

challenging to work with him. One good idea from Nico was 3 days of prayer and fasting. Those of us less experienced in this have settled happily for 1 day and night as a start!