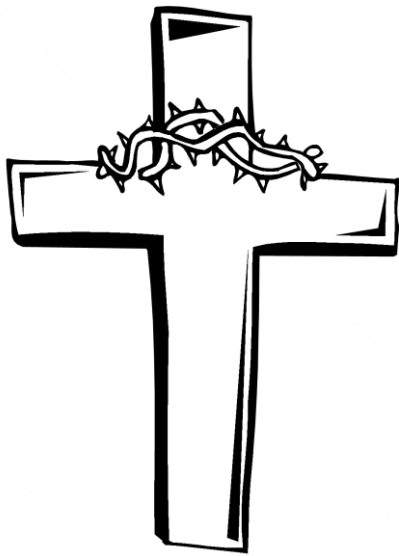


Dear friends

May you have a truly **blessed Easter** as we remember the great things that God has done for us.



*"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings. Becoming like Him in His death and so somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead."*

**Easter conventions** will be held through PNG. Local churches are invited to Rumginae where John Timothy is preaching (and Jennifer translating) on theme from Philippians 3:10. (Thursday eve to Sun afternoon) Often there are lots of altar calls with many responding - but not many continuing on with God. But it

was encouraging to meet Jonah who responded last time John preached at combined Easter convention 4 years ago and is clearly growing and going on with God. And a couple of other Aekyom young men too. Interest seems a bit low this year, so pray many will come – especially the many who are still in the darkness. How they need the glorious light of the good news of Jesus to shine into their hearts.

Thanks for your much needed prayers. Its been a **tough few days** with some difficult things to work through. For example we found out that 2 of the visas we have been waiting for had not even been submitted! Dr Mike had 4 working days left before he would be illegal in the country. So it was good to share that in church on Sunday and encouraging to hear everyone praying together for this. Apparently immigration said yesterday it should be ok! Pray for wisdom and grace as we try to address this ongoing problem with the person responsible. I don't think we can keep on like this.

As often in the tough times come the **high spots of encouragements**. Praise God for that. On Saturday I had 2 great conversations with 2 young Aekyom men converted in the last 4 years. One is a first year student Jonah who came with a list of questions he wanted to know more about. I loved helping him see what God says in His word. Good to see some lasting fruit from SS teaching too. The other guy saw God answer an impossible! prayer and giving him a good conversation with his family where for the first time ever they all listened to each other.

And then the **prayer time** with Nico, Mase and John Timothy – I loved it! Would have been happy to continue! There are so many things to pray about. Nico led and we did a lot of sharing bible verses and discussing together. It was wonderful to do that. We plan to meet again to continue planning and praying on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The **student bible studies** on 'What is life for' have started well. I'm very thankful for the 8/9 leaders who are willing to commit to these and for the good response so far. Please pray for growth in the leaders as well as in the students that all will be excited to discover more from God's Word.

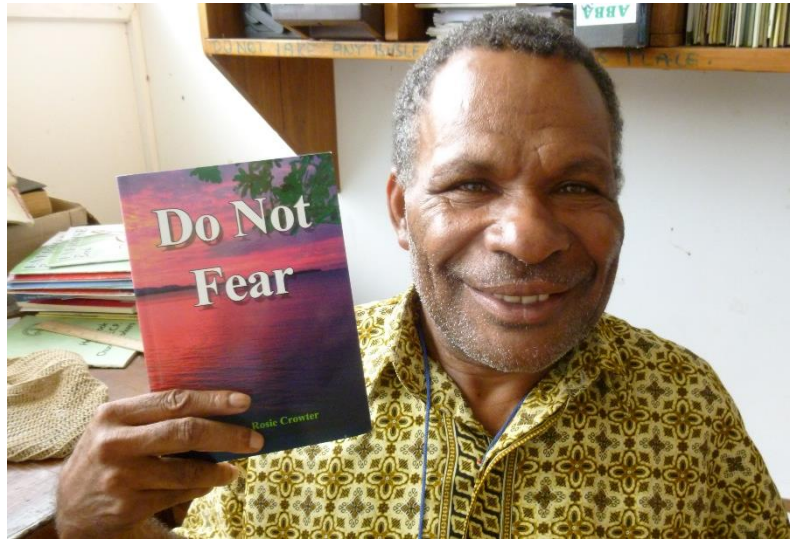
Thanks for praying for the **R1 lesson** which I did from Ephesian 1:10 showing God's purpose. I actually quite enjoyed it!! And was a great opportunity. The teachers wanted my notes and visual aids to put up in the classroom and go through again – so that was encouraging. (But I think I may have given myself more work next school term!!)

Come, see this glorious light  
As it shines on you,  
Bringing grace and peace  
To the depths of your soul.  
Come, see the wounds of love,  
Scars that make you whole,  
Blood that paid the price  
For the sins of the world.  
He is the Light everlasting,  
He is the First and the Last.

Blessing and honour and glory  
and power,  
To You, Lord,  
You're the King of the Ages.  
Justice and truth are the marks  
of Your reign,  
Angels adore You, the Lamb  
who was slain,  
They're crying 'holy' again and  
again,  
Lord Jesus,  
You're the King of the Ages.

Stuart Townend

And **Pr Medua** seen on right is a great delight. He is our hospital chaplain. He has started a bible study group with some of the long term TB patients using 'Do not fear'. He is excited at seeing how God's word is working – and reported how some had tears in their eyes as God's word touched their hearts. Pray it will bring lasting change as they are released from their fears and learn to trust our great God. He is excited as he takes a library and books to sell to the wards on Wednesdays and sees that patients are so interested.



I love listening to his passionate sermons – they are so relevant and cut to the heart. On Sunday he was challenging us all to imitate Christ from Philippians 2: 1-11. He passionately showed people how their disunity and arguments are killing the church. He's also done some great sermons from Colossians on God's control over the spirits and told people so clearly not to involve with satanic things or listen to dreams but to be taken up with Jesus. It's music to my ears! And it's sadly so unusual to hear sermons on these so relevant topics. (I'm thankful that a couple of times Briompennai church finished early and I could get his sermon!) Pray that God's word will do its work and change lives. Pray for him as he involves with some conflicts between staff and tries to bring peace and resolution. There's plenty of work for him so he needs our prayers. He's also involved with the student bible studies.

So please keep praying!

*"Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour"* 1 Peter 5:8

#### **Coming up:-**

8<sup>th</sup> April **Power meeting**. I have been elected to be part of the Rumginae power group! We need wisdom as we seek a short term and a long term solution to the power issues. The nationals are now used to electrical appliances and do not want to go back to firewood and 'primitive living'. Pray for good relationships and working together with the community. Rumginae Missionary meeting in the evening to discuss what we will do about power etc.

9<sup>th</sup> April A **potentially difficult meeting**. Then 7.00 pm **Teachers fellowship** on 'Giving'

10<sup>th</sup> April Student bible study

15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> **Teaching at the Sunday School Teachers workshop** – 1 ½ days of teaching! 'Character of the teacher' and 'counselling children' meaning how to bring them to Christ. First I need to ensure the teachers understand the gospel clearly themselves and can explain it clearly. So that's a good opportunity again – for about 30 or so. But again not sure how to do it – so plenty of knee work and other prep needed. Book stall too.

17<sup>th</sup> **Youth group bible study**

20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> **Jennifer** is running **Do not Fear workshop** for the Yongkom district women. Mary is not able to help her. Pray for the sharp sword of God's word to cut through the fears that tie so many women. Many are Christians but incapacitated by fear. Pray against the wiles and tricks of the evil one who will not be happy for this workshop.

21<sup>st</sup> Bible school working group.

22<sup>nd</sup> Prayer and planning for youth with Nico, John and Mase

MAY 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> – **Youth leaders training, and Preaching Workshop**. A heavy programme for David Sprouse – pray for his preparation and ours. There are practical things to get ready as well as working out what teaching is most needed. Pray for God's guidance as we think how best to do it. Pray that many will come and become equipped with a powerful tool that they will practise using. Praise God that the PPP Preaching Mark books have already arrived! I think you may be overloaded with prayer points, so I'll write more about this in my next update.

With love and thanks for your partnership in the gospel

Rosie