

Rosie at Runginae

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The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs 9:10

I've been thinking and praying this year about wisdom, and what wisdom really is. There's much in the Bible about wisdom – and what God means by wisdom. Anyways this week I started to think about the first few words of Proverbs 9:10 – 'the fear of the Lord.' What does it really mean to fear the Lord? Because if I want to be wise – which I do – then that is where I must begin. I was struck by how the early church showed true fear of the Lord. This may be one of the reasons the early church grew so rapidly.

A big part of fearing God is knowing who He is!

If we have a small view of God, and a big view of ourselves, then our understanding of God, will be small - and so will our wisdom! I enjoyed seeing this thought sink in, and I

trust germinate, as I read from Isaiah 40: 22 with someone recently. He knows about God – but as yet does not truly know God.

*'How great is our God; sing with me
how great is our God'*

If we do not know much of God, we fear men and people more, and fear magic and satans work. This is holding back the church here. So it is so good that our women are studying more about 'Who is God'. **Pray we will find ways to motivate the men to study God's Word too.** This book was first written as a training course for the men, but did not take off. 'Our men's ministry is weak' was the comment at our GMTc.

But amongst the women many good encouragements are coming from 'Who is God' workshops. At Balimo I heard how the women are being changed by the studies. Praise God.

It was a blessing to be at Tari while one district had their 'Who is God' training. Joy faithfully translated 'Who is God part 1' into Huli – see picture. This is the first time one of my training books is in a local language. We also have it in Pidgin. So it was exciting to see the ladies enjoying it in their heart language. Joy is visiting each district training the women leaders. 520 or so ladies have heard these messages in the last month, and more workshops are planned. These leaders will then take the messages back to their women fellowship groups.

Pray for transformed lives. Joy said to me 'the men need this course'. Please pray for an interest from men.



I also trained 6 ladies for the second book of 'Who is God'. Next year they will share these messages around the Western Province. As we understand more of Who God is surely that must deepen our awe and respect of Him.

Pray for the translation to Pidgin, which praise God is in progress, but needs checking and feedback.

God is at work! Encouragements.



Ruth's visit to me was a big encouragement. God convicted her and she came to re commit herself to God. She knows her life in the home and at work has not been pleasing God. She surrendered herself again to God asking Him to make her like clay in His great potter hands. **Pray for her husband Henry** who is 'good on the outside but not born again'. They both work at Tari at ECP Headquarters.

Another recent visitor was a previous pastor expressing a desire to return to the Lord. It will be hard as there are habits to break, and unforgiveness in his heart. But it was a wonderful answer to prayer as I have asked God for him to return for many years. We need young active pastors, and there are a few who began – but then turned away or fell down.

General Ministry Training Committee has been reconvened, and we met in Tari with the recently appointed Director of Ministries, Dacky Wakili. It was a joy and privilege to be part of the group. Praise God for His help as we talked for 3 ½ days on ministry and training issues



and sought ways forward. **Pray that great progress will be made for the building of His church.**

It was an encouragement to feel the change at Tari HQ. Two more ECPNG national church leaders now live here, and we have a new print shop manager. Now there is family fellowship twice a week, and morning devotions for the workers on 3 days. I had the privilege of sharing one morning. *'The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom'*. **Please pray for strong godly leadership in our church.** Please continue to pray for President Hengebe and his son Theo who is making a slow recovery from a severe head injury.

Visit to Ningerum prison

We were thankful for the opportunity to visit and encourage these men (and 4 women) with God's Word. **Pray the books and DVDS left with them will be used to bring them to know Christ and live for Him.** They have all been released now due to the dry season!!



Praying around the world

Thank you for your faithful prayers for us here in Papua New Guinea. We likely will not know much now of what your prayers have achieved – but one day we will see and rejoice. Some answers we do know – and can feel in a very tangible way! RAIN! YAY!! Exciting to splash in puddles again!!!



Praise God he answered your prayers!

Please keep praying for physical and spiritual rain. It's still dry. Thank you for holding our hands.



We too are praying for others. Praise God for the opportunity, and commitment each November, to pray for brothers and sisters suffering for their faith in Jesus. Holding hands we remembered our brothers and sisters in Syria.

We plan for a **retreat for the CHW students on Sickness and sorcery** on 26th and 27th. Please pray this will give them good understanding of God's truth, and set them free from their fears. **Pray they will be equipped to help others** as they will soon graduate. Sadly Pr Libi's wife died recently. Please pray for that family as they seem so tied up with their fear and beliefs in magic.

Changes ahead!

After 18 years of serving at Rumginae **Dr Addy** feels that God is now calling her to serve Him in India. She will be training lay people in health care – so her experience and gifts will be well used. This will mean a big adjustment for all of us. Addy hopes to come back for about 3 months to say goodbye and pack up. Please pray for God's enabling of this – as the man who was stalking her is around at Rumginae. Pray the community can solve this issue effectively – for her and for the future. Pray for God to provide sufficient doctor cover for next year.

Also our MAF **pilots** and families will likely be moving to other places in PNG next year. **Praise God that He is bringing new MAF families into PNG** – another answer to prayer.

The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom,
and humility comes before honour Proverbs 15:33

Pray for me that God will help me to know and fear Him more and more, and to live in wisdom and humility.

In the lovely and precious name of Jesus

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