



BRYAN & TEENA GIRARD

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The crate from Indonesia is now at the shipper and the final paperwork should be completed soon. We are hoping it will arrive sometime in January. Clint and his family were able to print us over 300 Anchor Hymnals and around 260 King Jems Nupela Testaments, as well as about 20 English Anchor Bible Map Books for the city guys here. Included in the shipment are things for my new print shop, including a ring binding machine, used sewing machine (heavy duty), leather folding machine (Clint's homemade design) and other things that will allow me to do more hymnals here and all the map books.

We just completed our Visitation/Outreach program for all of our churches. A few I was not able to get to due to bridges being out. Some I did despite the bridges being out by hiking, but my body let me know that I am getting a little old for 8 mile hikes up and down jungle hills in sweltering weather. A few churches were not expecting us due to communications problems here, but for the most part, everyone was excited that we did come and were encouraged by it. One new place farther in the bush, Anunang, had an older couple get saved while we were there. I preached and Pastor Patrick gave the invitation. He said when he asked if anyone wanted to get saved, they both looked up, looked at each other, then nodded. The Lord is good.

Please continue to pray for the meetings I mentioned in last month's letter. Pastor Joe Biris will be preaching our 5th Sunday meeting at the end of December and our big camp meeting/revival meeting will be the first week in February. I just got word that Pastor John Black will be joining evangelist Brian Green in coming from America, with possibly another preacher from Canada. Pastor Ruben Oiho from Port Moresby will also be coming to speak. After our visitation to all of the churches, the excitement for this meeting is very high. Thank you for praying for us; we so want to affect our area for the Lord.

The last walls and the roof should be up on the Sunday School House by next week. They have been taking their time and it is looking really good (for us). We are hoping to have it completed by the 5th Sunday meeting so we can dedicate it while Pastor Joe

is here. He will also be helping me to baptize some of our new converts on the last day of 2023. The other building projects are little booth type structures for the Camp meeting and the print shop under my house. I will be going tomorrow, Lord willing, to get the rest of the lumber to complete this, if the seas allow it. We are excited to start these new printing projects as we have seen so many blessed already by these spiritual tools. The only thing we will not be able to print is the *New Testaments* because we cannot get the thinner paper here. Clint will continue to do those and more hymnals as we need them.

Also please continue to pray for the meeting in February in the Simbu province when Pastor Ruben and I go there to conduct a five day meeting. The current plan is for us to be in a number of locations while we are there, trying to minister to all their churches.

We have decided not to take a furlough after all. With all that is going on here, we do not want to be away for even the 6 or 7 seven months we were planning. Instead, we plan to just take 3 months to visit our children and grandchildren. We are not even planning to buy a vehicle or any of that so we do not have to fool with renewing our drivers licenses, insurance, etc. We are going to try to spend a week with each family and then have one week where we all get together.

From Teena This Month: For Jael's husband Joshua's birthday card, 9 year old Brynna signed 5-year-old Tavy's name for him in cursive. When Josh was opening it Tavy excitedly shouted, "My name is in LATIN!!" That is the same Brynna who, while attempting to play several rounds of hangman with her older brother Xander, said, "I murdered 8 people, ughhh!"

Our heartfelt thanks once again for all your prayers and support. We have especially been blessed this month with some special gifts that met unexpected needs we did not even know we had. Thanks so much.

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