

A P R I L 2 0 0 7 E D I T I O N

the RIGGINS family

SERVING ON THE MELANESIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC FIELDS

Visa Renewal

All visas for PNG missionaries expire in April, and the renewal process is generally lengthy and involved. Please pray for a smooth and efficient process. Pray with us as Scot decides whether or not to go to the capital city this week to make sure all paperwork and passports are submitted correctly and on time.

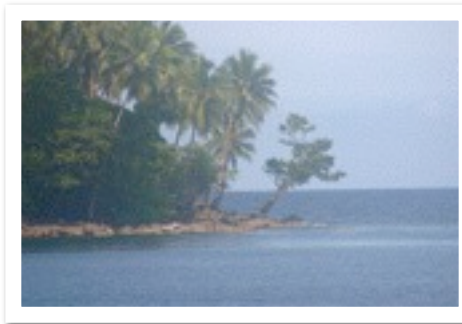
National Elections

PNG national elections will be held in June. This can be a volatile time around the country. Pray for a peaceful election process and for the integrity and positive influence of Christians throughout the campaigns and elections.

✧ A Time for Renewal ✧

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
- Isaiah 40:31

MISSIONARY RETREAT REPORT



We had a wonderful retreat last month with our missionary colleagues from across the two fields. God's presence blessed us as we met together for fellowship, worship, and prayer. We drew closer to Christ and to each other, and were

encouraged by messages from Pastor Jerry McConnell of Spokane, Washington. We snorkeled in the coral reefs off the coast, boated out to a smaller island, and enjoyed a week away from our usual responsibilities. We returned to the highlands on a beautiful morning flight, just after sunrise, with incredible views of the disappearing coastline and the majestic mountains of the interior. What a joy to be refreshed for the work God has for us to do here.

LEARN MORE

about what is going on in Melanesia and the South Pacific and how you can become involved.

Fiji Boat Ministry www.fijiboat.org

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in PNG

www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org

Open Hands, Open Hearts
Foundation

www.nazarenehospitalfoundation.org

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Vanuatu

Shortly after returning from the missionary retreat, David and Sylvia Potter were able to find an apartment to rent and we praise the Lord for this answer to prayer. This is a temporary living arrangement until a house can be built for them. Pray for work and witness teams who would be able to come to Vanuatu and help build the house. If you are interested in being a part of this project, contact Scot at sriggins@reachone.com.



Family News



First Haircut, First Steps

Aden continues to grow, to change, and to entertain us! Every day he makes new discoveries about the world around him. He (and Mom) survived his first haircut (her first time to give a haircut), and has really taken off walking in the last few weeks. His latest fascinations have been pretending to talk on the phone, making helmets out of tupperware, and (still) taking baths.

Upcoming Travel

In May, Scot will be traveling to the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga to audit the financial books across the fields. His trip will end in Cairns, Australia, to meet with James Johnson (our Field Strategy Coordinator) and Harmon Schmelzenbach (South Pacific Field Administrator). Jill and Aden are planning to meet him in Cairns. Please pray as we make preparations for this trip, book tickets for travel, work to expedite the visa process so that passports will be ready in time, and coordinate travel so that Jill and Aden can meet Scot in Australia, as well as for a safe return in the midst of national elections.





“The Hole”

About 15 minutes from Kudjip station, the Highlands Highway, the only road that runs from the coast to the highlands of PNG, was flooded with several feet of water last month. When this happens, travel is very difficult; semi trucks with containers often get stuck in the mud. When a container full of beer got stuck and was pilfered by hundreds of local villagers in an ugly scene, it was a vivid reminder of the many souls around us who remain lost in spiritual darkness. Pray that Christians would be a living testimony to those around them, that they would have courage to stand up for what is right.

Help Wanted

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

APRIL
PNG Visa and Work
Permit Renewal
Process

MAY
Scot's Island
Audit Trip

JUNE
Jill and Aden meet
Scot in Australia

JUNE
PNG National
Elections

MK SCHOOL TEACHERS

Two teachers for
Missionary Kids
Elementary School at
Kudjip, Papua New
Guinea. Grades 1-4 or
5-8. August 2007-June
2008. Housing, utilities,
and monthly living
expenses provided.
Volunteer needs only to
come up with airfare to
and from field. Teaching
Certificate preferred.
For more information,
contact Scot at
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MK HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER

Teacher for Missionary
Kids High School at
Kudjip, Papua New
Guinea. Grades 9-12.
August 2007-June 2008.
This is more of a tutor
position as kids are all
on independent study.
Housing, utilities and
monthly living expenses
provided. Volunteer
needs only to come up
with airfare to and from
field. Teaching
Certificate helpful. For
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IT SPECIALIST

IT Specialist at Kudjip,
Papua New Guinea.
August 2007-January
2008. Cable and
wireless networking and
general knowledge of
computer hardware and
software. We have a new
satellite internet system
and will need help
maintaining it while our
colleague who normally
runs the system is on
Home Assignment to
the US for four months.
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