

M A Y 2 0 0 7 E D I T I O N

# the RIGGINS family

SERVING ON THE MELANESIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC FIELDS

## Thank You for Praying for Us

*We want to thank you for the incredible prayer support you give us. We sense this support continually and have seen answers to prayer because of it. The Lord guided us as we worked out an itinerary for a rather complex trip. He protected many in the Solomon Islands in the recent tsunami. As we look ahead, facing travel while still waiting on visas, and watching PNG national elections unfold, we are trusting Him. He is in control.*

## ✘ God Is in Control ✘

*Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. - Psalm 46:10*

### SOLOMON ISLANDS HIT BY TSUNAMI

On April 2, an earthquake measuring 8.1 on the Richter Scale, hit approximately 200 miles from Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands, causing a deadly tsunami.

The tsunami devastated several of the islands in the Solomon Islands chain, destroying homes, wiping out clean water supply, and killing

over fifty people. One of our Jesus Film Teams, and a first year Bible College student were standing on the wharf waiting for a boat to take them to Honiara when the tidal wave hit. They



were not injured, though the Jesus Film equipment was swept into the sea, along with all the student's belongings. *(continued on page 3)*

## 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](http://www.fijiboat.org)

Kudjip Nazarene Hospital in PNG  
[www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org](http://www.kudjipnazarenehospital.org)

Open Hands, Open Hearts  
Foundation

[www.nazarenehospitalfoundation.org](http://www.nazarenehospitalfoundation.org)

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# Scot's Trip to the Islands

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Scot will be traveling all month to the island nations on both the Melanesia and South Pacific Fields, auditing financial records, answering questions, and working on budgets for the coming year. Though he is leaving this week, we are still waiting for his work permit and entry permit (visa) to be renewed. Pray for these renewals to be approved before he leaves this Friday; if the visa is not approved, we will get the approval while we are in Australia, before returning to PNG. We are praying that Jill and Aden will have their visas renewed before they leave on May 23 to join Scot in Brisbane, Australia. Please pray also for safety and smooth connections as Scot travels, for wisdom in the meetings, and for the time away from family to go quickly. Once Jill and Aden join Scot in Brisbane, we will travel together to Cairns, where Scot will have field budget meetings for a few days. We will be able to have a family vacation time for the last week of the trip. To pray more specifically, below are the dates Scot will be traveling to each country.

**May 2** Fly from Mt. Hagen to Port Moresby (finalizing visa renewal)

**May 4** Fly from Port Moresby to Brisbane, Australia (transit)

**May 6-8 Fiji**, meeting with missionaries Harmon and Cindy Schmelzebach

**May 8-11 Tonga**, meeting with missionaries Joan Sarsons and Inkwons (from Korea)

**May 10-13 Samoa**, meeting with leaders of South Pacific Nazarene Theological College  
(crossing the international date line)

**May 14-16** Auckland, New Zealand (transit)

**May 16-19 Vanuatu**, with missionaries David and Sylvia Potter and Peter and Jenny Isaac

**May 19-21** Brisbane, Australia (transit)

**May 21-24 Solomon Islands**, meeting with missionaries George and Nancy Miller

**May 24-27** Brisbane, Australia (transit), meeting Jill and Aden

**May 27-June 1** Field Finance Meetings in Cairns, Australia,  
meeting with Harmon Schmelzenbach and Field Strategy Coordinator James Johnson

**June 2-8** Family Vacation

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*Please note that since we will be traveling through the first part of June, we will not be sending a June newsletter. We look forward to bringing you up-to-date news and prayer requests from across the fields when we return.*



## *Solomon Islands Tsunami* (continued from page 1)

The student and the Jesus Film Team arrived safely in Honiara, though the luggage was never recovered. Most of the Jesus Film equipment was recovered, though some of it was filled with water.

A second earthquake of magnitude 5.4 hit on April 29, affecting the same area and again damaging some homes. Regaining confidence is slow, as many remain scared of aftershocks and are afraid to return to live on the coast.

Disaster response is underway as donations and crisis care kits have been received from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Australia. Teams from the Nazarene Church in the Solomon Islands are responding as well, by going into the affected areas with basic relief supplies of food and water. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries has set up a donation account for an immediate and long-term response to this disaster. Individuals and churches wishing to make a donation can donate online at [www.ncm.org](http://www.ncm.org), or checks can be marked "Solomon Islands Disaster Relief ACM2003" and mailed to the General Treasurer, 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131 (USA).

### CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**MAY 2-27**  
Scot's audit trip to  
the islands

**MAY 27-JUNE 1**  
Field financial  
meetings in  
Cairns

**JUNE 30-JULY  
10**  
PNG National  
Elections

### PNG NATIONAL ELECTIONS

We are beginning to prepare for the elections, with campaigning beginning this month. Pray for a peaceful campaigning and election process, for the bold witness of Christians, and for the safety of nationals, and of missionaries and volunteers during this time, especially with upcoming travel.

### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

September 24-28 will be a women's conference in Port Moresby, with women attending from across PNG, Fiji, Vanuatu, and the Solomon Islands. Pray for God to provide a way for the women who wish to attend, for His anointing on the week, and for Carla Sunberg, who will be coming from the US to speak at the conference.

### HELP NEEDED

We continue to pray for three volunteer teachers for our missionary kids in Papua New Guinea for the 2007-08 school year. Two teachers are needed for grades 1-8, and one high school teacher is needed for grades 9-12. Living expenses are provided. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Scot at [sriggins@reachone.com](mailto:sriggins@reachone.com).



## Family News

### A NEW FAMILY MEMBER!

We are excited to announce that the newest member of the

Riggins family will be arriving mid-October! Aden will be a big brother, and though we've told him about it, he has no idea what that means. We are excited to welcome this little one in a few months. Jill's

due date is October 16. Pray for a continued safe and healthy pregnancy, for us as parents as we attempt to prepare for the changes this will bring to our family, and for our families back home who

wish they could be with us at this special time.



### Moving

We are currently working on updating and renovating a mission house across the road from our duplex, with plans to move in July. We are moving to accommodate our

growing family and to provide more adequate housing for two single doctors coming to work at the hospital.

### Age of Exploration

Aden is enjoying learning to climb all over the furniture. It seems that he has a goal of climbing in and out of each chair in our house, all by himself.

He is also enjoying exploring more and more of the mission station at Kudjip using his own two legs.



### Name Game

We'd love to hear your gender predictions for our new baby . . . though the baby will let us all know on arrival. We'd also enjoy reading your suggestions for names for our little one. We do reserve the right to have the final say!