

M A R C H 2 0 0 7 E D I T I O N

# the RIGGINS family

SERVING ON THE MELANESIA AND SOUTH PACIFIC FIELDS



## Aden Turns One!

*On February 18, we celebrated Aden's first birthday. He didn't enjoy the mess of his cake and icing, but liked the taste once we fed it to him! We are blessed by his life and the joy he brings to us.*



## ✧ Reaping a Harvest ✧

*"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Galatians 6:9*

### PNG NATIONAL BOARD TOUR

The National Board for the Church of the Nazarene in Papua New Guinea, made up of church leaders from each area of the country, began in February a two month tour visiting each district in the country.

Their purpose for this tour is to promote the goals of the PNG church over the next ten years and to give their vision for

accomplishing them. These are the same goals that were presented last July at the 50th Anniversary celebration (and

that we shared with many of you while we were on Home Assignment). The emphasis is on winning the lost and



growing the church, while strengthening national leadership. *(See the goals and more of this story on page 2.)*

## 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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## *PNG National Board Shares Vision*

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We had the privilege of meeting with the PNG National Board and the other missionaries on February 28, ten days after they began their tour. They wanted to share with us their vision for the church, which they are sharing across the country. They referenced Leviticus 25 and the year of jubilee, recognizing that with the 50th anniversary of the church in PNG we are in a year of jubilee, a holy year. It is also a time of transition, and turning over leadership. For our national leaders, it has been a difficult change, but they have embraced it as an opportunity not to rely on other leaders, but to rely solely on God and look to Him for wisdom and direction. We want to support and stand behind them in prayer as they begin to step up to this challenge in the strength of the Lord.

We shared their enthusiasm as the National Board told us of the overwhelming response they have had so far in sharing their message on five districts. As they share the goals for the next ten years (listed below), they challenge each district to accept the responsibility and sacrifice it will bring, and also to share in the financial cost of their travel and of accomplishing the vision. Many have been in attendance in each service; many have responded sacrificially as they took part in giving financially; many lives have already been challenged and changed by the message. Pray with us that we will see these goals accomplished in the next ten years, and that revival will sweep across Papua New Guinea, all for the glory of God!

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### *Church Growth Goals*

1. Reach 100,000 new members
2. Start 500 new churches
3. Ten new districts
4. Raise 3.5 million kina (\$1.4 million) through tithes and offering
5. Ten regular (self-supporting) districts

## *Vision for Reaching Goals*

While their goals shoot high, the National Board spent time fasting and praying as they planned. They also came up with a detailed vision for accomplishing these goals. For example, each district has a specific number for which they are responsible in reaching the first goal of 100,000 new members. They also listed the tools they plan to use to accomplish the goals, including health ministries, communication, teaching and preaching, and education. These tools brought more goals, such as establishing health services on each district as a means to winning more souls for Christ. Pray for the effectiveness of the vision, for God's blessing upon and equipping of His leaders. If you would like more information to pray more specifically, e-mail us and let us know and we will be happy to send you the complete outline.

## *News From Across the Fields*

### **VANUATU**

David and Sylvia Potter recently returned to Vanuatu following their Home Assignment. They have re-joined the Isaac family in building the work there. The Lord has already greatly used the Isaacs in their first missionary assignment while the Potters were gone. They recently shared how they had been able to befriend a chief on another island shortly after their arrival to Vanuatu. He expressed an interest in starting a Nazarene church in his village, but recently died. Peter and Jenny mourned with the family and had the opportunity to preach a holiness message to the people in the village at the funeral. There was a good response, and Peter wrote, "So the leaders publicly declared to me that the Church of the Nazarene will be built right in the center of the Island to fulfill the chief's promise." Pray with Peter and Jenny and the Potters for the Lord to continue to open doors of opportunity and for His direction in building His kingdom.

### **SOLOMON ISLANDS**

District Assembly in the Solomon Islands will be the last week of March. Due to the difficulty of travel, they are holding mini-assemblies across the islands leading up to the main assembly. George and Nancy Miller continue to hold Bible classes in multiple locations across the islands. The Jesus Film Ministry has been a powerful tool in evangelizing many areas of the Solomon Islands. Halfway through a recent showing, more than 500 people were in attendance, and the road was full of people still coming. Pray for the safety of the Jesus Film teams and for the Millers as they lead discipleship of new believers.

### **SOUTH PACIFIC NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE (SPNTC)**

All of the Extension Bible School leaders from across the South Pacific islands are currently gathering in Samoa to discuss the future and direction of the SPNTC. Pray for God's Spirit to give wisdom throughout these meetings, and for unity among educational leaders.

# Upcoming Travel

## SINGAPORE

Scot will be visiting our regional office staff in Singapore March 5-9. He will be meeting with our regional financial administrator and also with our regional director. Please pray for his travel safety and for God's guidance and wisdom in these meetings.

## MADANG

We will be attending a missionary retreat for both the Melanesia and South Pacific fields March 12-15. The retreat will be held in the coastal town of Madang in PNG. Please pray for our safety as we travel, as well as for God's blessing and anointing on this special time of renewal and relaxation.

# Help Wanted

## MARCH AT A GLANCE

South Pacific  
Nazarene Theological  
College (SPNTC)  
Board Meetings

District Assemblies  
in Fiji, Samoa, and  
Solomon Islands

**MARCH 5-9**  
Scot's trip to  
Singapore

**MARCH 12-15**  
Melanesia and  
South Pacific  
Missionary Retreat  
in Madang, PNG

## MK SCHOOL TEACHER

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 [sriggins@reachone.com](mailto:sriggins@reachone.com)

## 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 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 more information, contact Scot at [sriggins@reachone.com](mailto:sriggins@reachone.com)

## 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. For more information, please contact Scot at [sriggins@reachone.com](mailto:sriggins@reachone.com)