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Week 1 Oct 3: Papua New Guinea

- Axon Family (p.12) - We are giving thanks that we were able to have our second covid vaccine shot here in Telefomin at the hospital. This saved us a trip to Mt Hagen. Please pray that the people MAF serve would not just see what we do but understand why. Pray that they would see and know Jesus and His love and salvation for themselves. We give thanks that we have had opportunities to distribute kids comic-style bibles to villages, please pray for this ministry, that children would read them and that Jesus would be alive to them.
- Higlett Family (p.12) - We thank God that we have all the approvals needed for our return to PNG. Please pray for our perseverance as we wait on ticketing and whatever else needs to be done. Please pray for our pilots and flight operations team as they schedule flights and respond to urgent needs.
- Covid-19 infections are reportedly on the rise in parts of PNG. Pray for protection of the people and our staff.
- Praise God that the airstrip at Yalum in PNG is now open after 20 years of it being closed due to civil unrest in the surrounding villages.
- Praise God that the printed Bibles that Technology Services distribute in PNG have once again become available. Pray that all who read them develop a passion for His word.

Week 2 Oct 10th: Mareeba

- Give thanks that the building of both the new hangars in Mareeba is on track to finish on schedule, if not earlier. Please pray for continued provision to cover the cost of the project.
- Perrett Family (p.10) - We have a number of new management roles that have recently been filled as part of the restructure of the Aviation Department. Please pray for these people as they take on new roles and for cohesiveness within the team.

Week 3 Oct 17th: Arnhem Land

- Anton Zhang (p.4) - Please pray for a local man Michael that I have been talking with, pray that God will give him wisdom as he leads the church community at Walker, and that the Walker Wesleyan Methodist church will grow in maturity and meet regularly. Please also pray for the solar powered audio player project, that through our partnership with Pioneers, more players will make their way into the hands of Yolngu and that the Yolngu will listen and be transformed by hearing the Bible and gospel music in their own languages.
- Simmonds Family (p.4) - Please pray for the communities of East Arnhem Land as the men return from a long time away doing "men's business". On returning this often sparks an increase in domestic violence cases. Please pray for our pilots and those we support in the women's shelter who are working with those affected. We give thanks for the opportunity Mark had to pray for a local lady Gladys, when he visited Galiwin'ku. Gladys has a heavy burden to be a good witness to her family, particularly in relation to her grandchildren.
- MAF Arnhem Land has several new initiatives being implemented in the coming months, including a new medevac service. Pray for favour, wisdom, and resourcing as we seek to get these initiatives working well and serving our local community.

Week 4 Oct 24th: South Sudan

- Mollenhauer Family (p.13) - Recently, a few of the team in MAF South Sudan have had significant illnesses. Two have needed evacuation out of the country for further treatment. Please pray for healing for those unwell and for protection for the rest of the team who are currently carrying extra responsibilities. Schools have opened in South Sudan following more than a year of closure. Ruth has been able to resume teaching Bible and English to the children in the SOS village. Give thanks for this opportunity and pray children will come to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

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A Little Note

I was recently forwarded a poem that someone had written entitled "If Jesus Came to Your House". The poem lists some possible reactions that a person would have, including would we invite Jesus to stay, would we have to rush around and hide things in our house that we wouldn't want Him to see, would we change our daily routine, attitude or behaviour, would we introduce Him to our friends etc.

I asked my husband what would you do if Jesus knocked on the door. My husband simply said, "I would cry with joy". My 14 year old daughter said she would first hug Him and then apologise for not being perfect. My 12 year old said she would be a Mary not a Martha and just sit and listen to Him talk. My 10 year old - he's still young, bless him - said he would ask Jesus to give him more talents so that he could make the world a better place (I guess I should be glad he added that last bit!).

A diverse range of reactions just from within my own family. As for me, I think I would ask Him to come in, sit down and just talk about life and everything. That would be a long conversation that could go on forever for sure!

This idea of Jesus knocking on our door and considering how we would react however ignores the fact that the Bible tells us that Jesus is actually already in our homes, in our hearts, He is with us always through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

"for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go" - Joshua 1:9b

"The Lord your God goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you" - Deuteronomy 31:6b

"And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." - Matthew 28:20b

When praying with my family, I often speak out loud and welcome Jesus to our prayer circle to help the kids picture in their minds, Him sitting with us. I find this assists them with their concentration and allows them to talk to Him like they are talking to a friend sitting with them. My challenge to myself is that I will remember that He is here with us in our home not only in the times of pondering and prayer, praise and worship, laughter and joy, but also in the times of raised voices, disappointment in attitudes, conflict and all the other un-Christ like behaviours my family sometimes show towards each other - especially in this time of lockdown pressure.

Thank you Jesus for being with us always.

Blessings,



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