

the Childs Family

GOD'S SERVANTS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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The past couple of months have been a blur of activity around our place. The Crumrine family from our home church in Michigan arrived in May, intending to begin building our house right away. However, because of various delays, we spent almost a month preparing the church land for construction. We levelled a spot for the church building, cleared a driveway, pulled many stumps out of the house site, and dug a septic pit by hand. We definitely were not lacking work to do!

Milling the Timber

A fellow missionary, Dave Crowe, graciously offered to let us use his portable sawmill to cut the timber for our house. One of his helpers came and milled timber for us for a couple weeks, until he had to leave because of some unforeseen circumstances. From that time on, I took over the milling. God provided all the wood we needed at a very minimal cost to us. God is good!



Ben Milling Timber

Constructing the House

While the Crumrine family was here, we usually worked all day long for six days a week on the building project. It seemed there were delays at every corner, but that is life in PNG! Keith Crumrine was in charge of the construction, and many people from the village helped with the project. We were able to finish the entire structure of our house in about a month. We will soon begin cutting bamboo, from which the people here will weave



Our House in Construction

siding for our house. We are looking forward to the day when we can move in the new house!

The Ups and Downs of Ministry

This exciting time of construction has not been without its discouragements and frustrations. For instance, one

morning when I arrived at the property to begin work, my heart sank as I saw about 50 coffee trees that had been cut down on our property. What had been a beautiful green backyard is now filled with skeletal-looking stumps, all because a man was angry with someone else and decided to take it out on us! However, we have had many blessings as well. There is a nice hut that is on the church property, and we had been praying that the owner would sell it to us rather than move it to another location. The house would be a good place for one of our single Christian men to stay and look after the property while we are finishing our house. In the future, we could use the hut when we want to cook over the fire, have Bible studies, or just visit with people. The blessing is that just yesterday, we were able to purchase the house for a very reasonable price. Praise God!

The Church Ministry

Keep praying for the ministry here in Tirokave. I continue to preach our regular church services, plus preach at the market on Mondays. Many people have expressed their interest, but what they need is commitment to Christ. So many are caught up in the deadness of religion, and they find it hard to just ask the Lord to give them life!

In Christ,

Ben Childs

Praise

- A large portion of the house construction is finished.
- Several people have admitted that they need to trust in Christ for salvation.

Prayer

- Pray for God to help us to quickly complete the house and church building.
- Pray for people to go beyond showing interest in Christ to actually accepting Him as their Savior.
- Pray that God would give wisdom to our family as we face the many cultural differences here in PNG.

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