

The Childs Family

GOD'S SERVANTS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Have you thought about how different death rituals may be in other countries? In this part of PNG, the dead person's family pays a large sum of money to some of the person's other relatives. They also purchase some greasy meat, rice, and other luxuries from town, and have a big party for all the friends of the person who died. The friends and relatives of the deceased person usually spend a week in mourning. If they do not wail loudly at appropriate times, people wonder whether they had something to do with the dead person's death. As we hear the sounds of mourning, it reminds me that most of these people have no hope of eternal life!



One of our weekly Bible studies

Opportunities to Share Christ

In the past several weeks, there have been two young men who have died in our immediate area. We came to know one of them, Jon, quite well before his death. A doctor had given him some medicine to take by injection, and the family asked Lauren to administer the injections. Later, we took him and his family to town to visit another doctor. I am not sure if Jon accepted Christ as his Savior before he passed away, but at least I had the opportunity of talking to him about his soul. One blessing is that God used this trying time to help his parents. His father, who had shown no spiritual interest before, recently asked me to hold public Bible studies in his house! We are planning to meet once a week in his house to share Christ with whoever will hear.

Health Problems

The past couple of months have been difficult for my wife, Lauren. She began having very severe headaches, exhaustion,

and dizziness, along with other symptoms. We took her to a good American doctor, who did many tests to help find the cause of her symptoms. Since the symptoms did not lessen, but rather got worse, the doctor strongly suggested that we take Lauren to Australia to get an MRI. We did fly to Australia, and after about a week, we found out that the MRI results were normal. However, during our time in Australia, we stopped in a vitamin store. The person there suggested that Lauren try taking magnesium supplements. When she started taking the supplements, she started feeling better right away! Lauren is still not completely back to normal, but we are praising God for the drastic improvement.

Please Keep Praying

As you pray for our village, please pray for people to open their hearts to God. In addition to our regular services, we now have two group Bible studies each week, primarily for those who do not attend church. Our small group of Christians need you to pray that they would be faithfully doing what is right and that they would stay close to the Lord. Keep praying that God would give our family the physical and spiritual strength to do everything He wants us to do each day.

In Christ,

Ben Childs

Praise

- Praise the Lord that Lauren's health is improving.
- Praise the Lord for the new opportunities to share Christ.

Prayer

- Pray for God to work in the hearts of the unsaved.
- Pray for God to strengthen believers in their walk with Him.
- Pray that God would give Lauren good health.

