

the Childs Family

GOD'S SERVANTS TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Baptism. What a blessing it is to see one who has believed in Christ express his faith through baptism! We were thrilled to have four people receive baptism this past Sunday. One of the four, Jackson, had been exposed to the Gospel message for many years. His wife, Sami, shared Christ with him many times before he finally accepted Christ's salvation. Two of those baptized, Roman and his wife, Joyce, were saved as a result of Jackson's witness to them, and a Bible study that we held in their home. The fourth person, Jefin, accepted the Lord several months ago, and has been faithfully attending church. We are thankful for these believers who are excited to publicly identify themselves with Christ!

Plans for a short trip to the USA. It is hard to believe that we have been back in Papua New Guinea for almost 3 years! We had been planning to take a short trip to Australia, partly to seek medical help for Lauren. However, because of strict Covid protocols, we are unable to travel to Australia. After much prayer and counsel, we have decided to take a four-month trip to the States, beginning in the middle of July. This will allow us to have medical appointments for Lauren, as well as dental and eye checkups for the whole family. We will try to use this trip to give our girls the chance to become more familiar with some parts of American life and culture, helping to prepare them for the time when God leads them back to the United States. During this time, we will report to some supporting churches. However, because of the brevity of the visit, we will not be able to visit everyone.

During the time that we are away, one of our faithful members, Tom, will preaching and watching over the work of the Lord here. For many years, we have been wondering if perhaps the Lord would call Tom to be the pastor of Good News Baptist Church. Although we do not know what God has in mind for the future, we believe that this 4-month time period will be a good time of testing for him. We are praying that God will use this experience to show Tom and the church whether God would have him be the pastor in the future. Please pray for me during the next five months, as I spend concentrated time with him, helping to prepare him for the time when we are away.

In Christ,
Ben Childs



Praise

- Praise God for Jackson, Roman, Joyce, and Jefin being baptized.
- Praise God for giving us guidance regarding plans for a visit to the United States.

Prayer

- Pray for those baptized to maintain a good testimony.
- Pray for me as I have special teaching times with Tom.
- Pray for God to help us as we schedule appointments and meetings.

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