

The Colich Chronicles

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Dear Family and Friends,

We arrived in PNG just in time for our Biennial Branch Conference. In fact we got here on a Friday, and Monday morning we had our Morobe Regional meeting all day. The Branch Conference lasted about a week, and it was good to get reconnected with friends and become informed about what the Lord has been doing around the country since we've been gone. We had a visiting pastor share from 2 Corinthians each morning, with 4:7 being the theme verse for our time together: "But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." It was a very encouraging week.

Unfortunately, many things about our house here at Ukarumpa were not so encouraging. We've been working on getting a number of things fixed. The basement flooded a few times while we were gone (long story) and I (Kim) am still cleaning up the office that had remained locked through all that time. It smells terrible and sorting through all the damaged papers is taking lots of time. But we are making progress. Lord willing, I will be able to make sufficient progress such that I can leave for the village in a week or so. We're hoping the house in Malasiga won't have a similar set of issues to deal with – we'll keep you posted.



One thing that was VERY encouraging was coming back to a new water tank installed and full of water! That was exciting. We're very grateful to folks at Chesapeake Community Chapel through whom the Lord provided this much needed item.

It is taking some time to get settled back into the routine here. There are things we encounter and say, "Oh yeah, I forgot about that – that's really neat!" And there are things we encounter and say, "Oh yeah, I forgot about that – that's really not so neat..." ☺ But it is good to be 'home' again where God has called us to be, and we're looking forward to seeing our Tami friends soon and getting back to checking Scripture and doing literacy with them.



Being the small community that we are here, there is always more to be done than there are hands available to do them. Nevertheless, I (Kim) was really challenged last week when I read the first half of the verse in Romans 12:13, which says, "When God's people are in need, be ready to help them." I have been so focused on our needs and getting our house repaired and our translation/literacy project and me, me, me. I really needed to think about others and what they are going through and what their needs are. It was a good reminder – please pray that I'll put it into practice daily. Thanks.

Other things to pray for:

- That we'd be able to get our house at Ukarumpa in decent shape quickly
- That Kim would be able to get a ride to the coast (Lae) soon
- That arrangements can be made for a boat to get to Malasiga
- That there would not be lots of repair work to do on the house so Annie can come soon
- We can find a way to get Annie's laptop to the US for warranty repair
- That the Lord would prepare our Tami friends for our return (i.e. ready to work)
- That our hearts would seek to do what we do for Christ alone

Thanks for your faithfulness in praying, giving, and loving. We couldn't be here without you.

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