

## Facebook Updates

### January through March 2022

#### January 20, 2022

Quick update & request for prayer... We are planning on heading back to PNG on the 25th, but there are LOTS of details that need to come together. Please pray that we would be able to get our COVID tests back in time to board the plane Tuesday afternoon - AND that the tests would be negative. Please pray for health and safety through out the journey. We'll arrive at the mission center, Ukarumpa, on Friday afternoon (very early morning EST). Thanks so much!

#### January 25, 2022

Praise the Lord! All our tests have been received and they are ALL Negative!!! Thanks for praying. One more PNG form to fill out and submit electronically for each of us, but it can't be filled out until it's within 4 hours of departure. We also have need to purchase an "excess baggage" checked bag, but we're NOT allowed to do this until we check in at the counter (checking in online was NOT allowed). So please pray that this would go through smoothly as we have all our supplements for the next FULL YEAR in that 'extra' bag - since we couldn't mail them as we normally would have (loooong story... 😞) Thanks so much. We'll keep y'all posted

#### January 26, 2022

We landed in Qatar a short time ago, and will board our flight to Singapore in about 8 hours - 2am Qatar time... 😊 (6pm EST). We were able to pay for an additional checked bag! Thanks for praying. We will have to get all our bags in Singapore and recheck them on AirNiugini. There is no "formal agreement" between them and Qatar Airways... 😞 Pray there will NOT be another huge charge for our additional checked bag from AirNiugini. Thanks. We'll keep y'all in the loop. Thanks for buoying us up in prayer. Blessings!

#### January 27, 2022

We're back in PNG and just arrived at Ukarumpa (the mission center) a short while ago. We are well but extremely jet-lagged. ALL our bags made it with us safely, PTL. Unfortunately, we DID have to pay an additional baggage fee to get it from Singapore to PNG... 😞 - and also unfortunately, the fee was a whopper!... 😞 But God is good! No other snags along the way. Thanks for praying us here. We're looking forward to getting settled soon and making arrangements to get back to the village. Me first to clean and then Annie will join me so we can get to work on the translation and Scripture use. Blessings, Kim (for Annie too)

#### February 28, 2022, 3:39 am

It's hard to believe it's been a month since we arrived - to the day. I (Kim) am heading to Malasiga tomorrow in a dinghy. Please pray for safety on the water and for no encounter with pirates (yes, pirates) during the 4+ hour ride there. No rain would be an added bonus 😊 This is

my first trip since my neck surgery, so a smooth ocean would also be appreciated. The Lord is able to do abundantly beyond what we can ask or even imagine! Please also pray for peace for both Annie and I while we're apart. And that I would be able to get the house in order quickly and get some translation work done before I return to Ukarumpa (and my bride 😊) for the biennial PNG Branch Conference late in March. Thanks. We couldn't do this without your partnership with us. Blessings!

**February 28, 2022, 9:43 pm**

Thanks for praying and for your kind thoughts and comments. We make our plans, but the Lord directs our steps. The owner of the dinghy called and said he couldn't find any fuel. Yesterday was a government holiday here in PNG and apparently all the local fuel was consumed over the 'holiday weekend'... 😊 So please pray that the Lord would continue to direct my steps, and I'm hoping they will be going to Malasiga TOMORROW... 😊 Thanks for praying me to the village. Blessings!

**March 1, 2022**

Kim began his boat trip to the village a little bit ago and already had to turn around and return to dock due to engine trouble. They have done some work and just took off again. It is raining and the seas are rough. Please be praying for safety! The trip usually takes around 4 hours but with bad weather it will likely take longer. THANK YOU!

**March 2, 2022, 12:38 am**

Wow, just heard from Kim saying he'd arrived safe and sound (and wet!). Surely this was a record time for the trip. Thanks to all who prayed! More later about what he finds... 😊🐹

**March 2, 2022, 6:16 am**

Well, prayers for the rat situation were heard, and for the first time in many, many years there were no rats in the house when Kim arrived. Not even a sign that they had been there at all while we were gone! Wow!! However... he discovered major problems with practically everything else that matters! We have no water in the tank due to a disconnected pipe. IF we did have water, the spigot for getting water out of the tank was broken off and the old hand pump is rusted solid. The most critical issue is that the solar set up batteries are dead so he has no power...no lights, no way to charge phone or computer batteries. The kerosene lantern doesn't work either so he was sitting in the dark talking to me on the phone. He said he has a small flashlight in his backpack but doesn't want to use up the battery! Also, a large tree branch fell and broke our radio antenna down so we have no radio usage. There was a major earthquake while we were away that did some damage both in and underneath the house.

So...needless to say, this is all more than a bit overwhelming. Please pray for wisdom for him today as he begins to assess priorities and options for dealing with these issues! We appreciate your prayers and concern so very much!

### **March 7, 2022**

Dear praying friends, a situation has come up at Ukarumpa, the SIL mission center here in PNG. Right now, as many of you are aware, I (Kim) am in the village and Annie is there in the Highlands of PNG. We ask that you would join us in praying for a peaceful resolution to this situation. Here is the "Official public statement":

Traditional landowners near SIL-PNG's Ukarumpa Centre have informed SIL-PNG of their plans for a peaceful protest on 9 March 2022. The landowners have an active legal case they wish to see resolved. SIL-PNG is not involved in the case.

The landowners state that they desire to use the protest to shut down Ukarumpa Centre operations in order to gain attention and action in their legal case. Discussions with these landowners indicate that if they get a satisfactory answer from the government before 9 March, they will not hold a protest. However, if they do not get a satisfactory answer before 9 March, their protest will proceed.

SIL-PNG has made authorities aware of the situation. It desires that its operations continue unhindered. SIL-PNG's response to the protest will demonstrate its intention to continue work while prioritizing staff safety.

Thanks so much for praying with us and praying for us. 😊 Blessings

### **March 9, 2022 (Email reply from Annie)**

Thanks so much to all who prayed! As far as I'm aware...everything here was as normal yesterday. I keep trying to find some official info but so far have seen nothing from admin. They posted the day before that the landowners had agreed not to protest unless given permission from the police, which was very unlikely to happen due to elections here being not too off and they don't want to encourage opportunities for violence. We have a lawyer here who apparently has been helping them to find other ways to put pressure on the courts to bring about a solution to their grievances rather than use SIL as leverage. So...we are all very thankful and press on...

Kim was very, very encouraged by how the meeting with O and A went yesterday also! He said he was very aware of the Lord's presence there with them as they each shared their hearts. It looks as though their long-standing conflict is 'officially' resolved and they are ready to move on with translation work. So hurray God!!

Love to all there!

Annie

