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# THE Florences

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN WESTERN  
PROVINCE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



*"As we have therefore, opportunity..." Gal 6:10*

God has been so good to us over the months of April and May. Those of you that follow our updates and our Facebook posts know of our normal ministry activities in the Bible Institute, Christian Academy and the Church planting work.

In this update, I want to highlight the opportunity we have to teach the Bible in the local public schools. The main primary school in Kiunga town has third grade to eighth grade. It has about 1,000 students broken up into 25 classrooms of 40 students each. Every Tuesday we are able to take three of our church ladies as well as 3 preachers from our church and also 15 students in the Bible Institute to teach in these different classes. It is a regularly scheduled time slot for what they call "Christian Citizenship Values Education." Regardless of what they call it, it is a wonderful opportunity for us to teach God's word freely. We get to see children every week express their need of salvation and we encourage them to repent of their sins and put their faith in Christ alone!



This same golden opportunity exists for us in the town secondary school which consists of 9th to 12th graders. It has over 800 students in it. I do not take the church ladies but I still take all of my older Bible institute students and church staff to teach there every week. These two open doors represent the opportunity to get the gospel into the hearts of around 1,800 young people every week. While I'm so thankful for this wonderful opportunity, I would ask you to please pray that the Lord would open the door for even more schools to allow us to come in and teach the precious Word of God!

I also want to mention that we will be coming home sometime in the month of June or early July. My grandfather, Moses Florence, has bladder cancer. He was my pastor throughout my childhood years going up to the time just before he retired. As a faithful pastor for 50 years, he was a tremendous influence and example of faithfulness in my life. Now that he is 87, we desire to spend some quality time with him on this next furlough. Please pray that God would give him grace in this period of his life and that we can have some more wonderful memories together.

Our family will be home for about 6 months. We will need to be back in Papua New Guinea by next January so that we can get our Bible Institute and our Christian Academy going again. If you would like to schedule us for an update please contact us via email."

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