



We are so happy to report on all that God is doing here in PNG. There has been so much going on that I am having trouble knowing which things to mention and which to leave out. I'm choosing the most significant answers to prayer that have occurred in the last few months to report on.



We were able to ordain our first man into the ministry. Bro Wamida Maidere finished his Bible School in 2018. He has been a faithful preacher of the gospel over the last five years. He was the assistant in a local church in his home village for 2 years and is now my assistant pastor and is also teaching in our Bible Institute.

One big announcement is the opening of Berean Christian International Academy. This new ministry of our church is just the next step in reaching our community with the gospel and impacting the next generation in a more significant and lasting way. What better way of impacting the culture than by systematically teaching the children for seven hours a day from a Christian worldview and perspective? We expect to see many children come to Christ through this Christian School. Please pray that God would send us the teachers that we need.

Perhaps you, or someone you know may be

interested to come and help us for 1 year? Even if you are not a teacher by profession but are interested to help in any way, please contact us for more information.

God allowed us to purchase our first Church / School bus. It is a four-year-old 16 passenger van. We are blessed to have it arriving soon by barge as we will need it to pick up kids for this next school year.

These last few weeks have been a huge time of outreach for us. We scheduled our first ever Revival / Evangelistic Crusade in



Ningerum. We started Aetho IBC back in 2018 through some of the Bible Institute graduates. It is now 5 years old and is currently led by Pastor Gideon Tom. His father, Pastor Rodney Tom, was able to come and preach the Wednesday-Sunday meeting. The Holy Spirit convicted hearts, and we saw over 20 professions of faith during that meeting as well as several Christian young men surrender to preach the gospel! We will continue to follow up on these decisions to do all we can to ground them in the faith in these future months.



Another incredible outreach we have been doing is here in our hometown of Kiunga.

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Two separate pastors from well-established churches in other parts of the country have each sent one of their

young preachers to intern with us for a few months. To utilize these preachers, I have initiated a type of open-air preaching that is being welcomed in the settlement neighborhoods around the town. These neighborhoods are densely populated and many of the people can be found hanging around in the evening. We have purchased several solar powered security lights as well as battery-operated loudspeakers. By setting these up in the cooler evenings, we are able to preach to many, many unsaved and unchurched people that would never come to visit an actual church service. We have now done this outreach in 4 different neighborhoods over the last 2 weeks in Kiunga alone. Between 50 to as many as 400 will come to listen to the preaching. We have seen more souls call on Christ over these last three weeks than in other outreaches. Most of these are nominally religious people who have been in and out of different churches over the years. However, the overwhelming response we are getting is, "My family belongs to _____ church but I'm not really saved." Praise God for this new avenue of getting the gospel out. I'm desperately trusting that God will use this as one way to help us to start 5 new churches around Kiunga town in the next 5 years.

Another huge answer to prayer is that we were finally able to get the town power connected to our property. We now have 2 staff houses and the church running on the town power! What a blessing to use the lights, fan and even the air-conditioning for the first time this year.



Please pray for us over this next month. We are preparing for our Bible Institute Graduation on December

10th. In addition to that, we have several large projects we are working on. The one-room church is being renovated so that we can use it as a multipurpose building as school rooms during the week and Church services on the weekend. We are also trying to finish the first floor of our house to use as classrooms for the Bible Institute. As soon as these two are accomplished, we will begin construction on our

planned 2-story brick classroom so that we can accommodate the growing Christian school and Bible Institute next year. We are expectantly



trusting God to provide the funds and the wisdom to accomplish all of these necessary building projects in the near future. Praise the Lord for how God has already been providing for this next stage of development through some of you.

Family update from Rebecca:

The kids are a few weeks from completing their school year. They will soon be in 7th, 5th, 3rd, and 1st grades. We rejoice in what the Lord is doing in their hearts as they outwardly grow and mature. Abby is a tremendous help in the kitchen and loves to listen to wholesome audiobooks as she works. Ruthie sweetly serves. Titus builds creative things with leggos and enjoys puzzles. Josiah can be seen out with the Bible school students, digging and working, when he's not pursuing his siblings to play with him. Thank you for continuing to pray for our health and family life.



Please pray for Rebecca's PNG nursing license application. We are asking the Lord to lead the way in the next steps for utilizing her training in the ministry. She's excited to be pursuing more online education in tropical medicine and to be available as the school nurse this coming year.

As always, we thank God for each one of you that has followed our ministry, prayed for us, and supported us over the years. None of this would have been accomplished without your partnership in the gospel ministry.

**Serving Christ,
Josh Florence**